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Six Nations Supports Resignation of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Commissioners

(Ohsweken, ON) Six Nations Elected Council supports the decision made by Six Nations missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) families calling for the resignation of the current MMIWG Commissioners, and the reestablishment of the inquiry process.

“The current inquiry is based on colonial values and processes. It must be built on the strengths and resiliencies of Indigenous culture, values, ceremonies and medicines,” said Chief Ava Hill.

The community of Six Nations wants answers; and as strong and resilient individuals who have faced traumas as the result of losing their loved ones, Six Nations MMIWG families have solutions. On May 15, 2017 an open letter was directed to Chief Inquiry Commissioner Buller outlining concerns with the current inquiry. On July 11, 2017 a meeting was held with Six Nations MMIWG families, the Inquiry Commissioners and Minister Carolyn Bennett for discussion of Six Nations concerns.

To further support MMIWG families, Six Nations is also calling for an International Day of Ceremony on July 31, 2017. Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals and organizations are asked to hold spiritual ceremonies and/or take a moment of silence to show their support. Continuing to honour the families of MMIWG, and the spirits of their loved ones.

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