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Resolution no. 27/2022

TITLE: Support for the Family of Chantel Moore and Implementation of the 231 Calls for Justice

SUBJECT: Safety and Security of Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA People

MOVED BY: Chief Shelley Sabattis, Oromocto First Nation, NB

SECONDED BY: Chief Joanne Miles, Flat Bay First Nation, NL

DECISION Carried by consensus

WHEREAS:

- A.** The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UN Declaration) states:
- i.** Article 7 (1): Indigenous individuals have the rights to life, physical and mental integrity, liberty and security of person.
 - ii.** Article 7 (2): Indigenous peoples have the collective right to live in freedom, peace and security as distinct peoples and shall not be subjected to any act of genocide or any other act of violence, including forcibly removing children of the group to another group.
 - iii.** Article 22 (2): States shall take measures, in conjunction with Indigenous peoples, to ensure that Indigenous women and children enjoy the full protection and guarantees against all forms of violence and discrimination.
- B.** The Government of Canada launched the independent National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (National Inquiry) in August 2016. The National Inquiry released its Final Report entitled *Reclaiming Power and Place* on June 3, 2019.
- C.** The Final Report explores the many intersectional issues which contribute to the national tragedy of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA peoples. The Final Report also contains four

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overarching findings relating to rights recognition, justice, security, and health and wellness. It also contains 231 *Calls for Justice* which include recommendations to governments, institutions, industries, service providers, partners, and all Canadians.

- D. Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Resolution 37/2014, *Support for Families First*, mandates the AFN to:
- i. Call for the adoption of a national First Nations consensus, based on the made in Manitoba Families First initiative, to honour the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) and involve and support their families first, and to collaborate on immediate actions and systematic change;
 - ii. Recognize that any process, including roundtable or inquiry, must listen and hear the voices of the families of MMIWG, adequately support families and communities in their healing journeys, and honour the MMIWG; and
 - iii. Recognize that a one-day roundtable on MMIWG is not sufficient.
- E. AFN Resolution 67/2019, *Development and Implementation of a National Action Plan on Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+*, mandates the AFN to:
- i. Call upon the Federal government to ensure that all engagement on a National Action Plan be carried out using the "Families First" approach.
 - ii. Direct the AFN to seek out appropriate funding and resources to:
 - i. Attend and participate in all Roundtable meetings in every region; and
 - ii. Coordinate its own engagement with First Nations on a National Action Plan.
 - iii. Direct the AFN to develop its own First Nations-led National Action Plan with input from the regions and First Nations survivors, families and the First Nations Coalition for Grassroots Families and advocate for all governments to adopt it.
 - iv. Call upon the federal government to ensure that AFN Women's Council participates in the selection process for any representative appointed to implement the National Inquiry's Final Report *Calls for Justice*, including the development and implementation of a National Action Plan.

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- v. Direct the AFN to ensure the First Nations Action Plan is respectful of any Nation, women, or regional-led processes in regard to their planning.
- F. On June 3, 2021, the AFN released its First Nations-led national action plan report called *Breathing Life into the Calls for Justice: An Action Plan to End Violence Against First Nations Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People*, which highlights priority areas identified by survivors and families to immediately address violence against First Nations women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.
- G. AFN Resolution 08/2021, *Implementation of the National Action Plan to End Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People*, mandates the AFN to:
 - i. Call upon the federal government to ensure that all activities with respect to the National Action Plan to end violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people be carried out using a "Families First" and distinctions-based approach.
 - ii. Direct the AFN to advocate for and seek appropriate resources to engage in or carry out activities in support of the implementation of the National Action Plan to end violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.
- H. On June 3, 2021, Canada released their *2021 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People National Action Plan: Ending Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People* (National Action Plan) and the *Federal Pathway to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People* (Federal Pathway).
- I. To date, progress to implement the National Action Plan, Federal Pathway, and 231 Calls for Justice has been slow, and many First Nations people have yet to see real on the ground changes to end violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.
- J. Tragically on June 4, 2020, Chantel Moore, a mother, and member of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, was shot and killed by police dispatched to her apartment in New Brunswick to conduct a "wellness check."
- K. On May 19, 2022, a New Brunswick coroner's inquest into the fatal shooting of Chantel Moore ruled her death as a homicide.
- L. The AFN Women's Council strongly condemns any acts of violence perpetrated against any Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the First Nations-in-Assembly:

1. Direct the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) to advocate for greater RCMP accountability and justice for the family of Chantel Moore and call for the implementation of the recommendations from the New Brunswick Coroner's Inquest regarding police intervention, training, and equipment.
2. Call upon the AFN to strongly denounce any acts of violence perpetrated by police against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people and advocate for greater police reform and accountability.
3. Call upon the federal government to accelerate the implementation of the National Action Plan and 231 Calls for Justice and to disclose in a transparent manner how the funding for implementation of the National Action Plan is being allocated.
4. Call upon the federal government to establish an independent third-party oversight body mandated to provide accountability for the implementation of the 231 Calls for Justice from the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
5. Call on the federal government to work with the provinces and territories in a role as a convenor to ensure that the *2021 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People National Action Plan: Ending Violence Against Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People* is implemented fully, and that this work is prioritized equally as the *Federal Pathway to Address Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ People*.

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