



Native Women's Association of Canada

MEDIA ADVISORY

Press Conference - Native Women's Association of Canada Presents Petitions for a National Public Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Aboriginal Women

WHAT: On February 13, 2014, Michèle Audette, President of the Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC), will be on Parliament Hill to call on the Government of Canada to acknowledge and receive more than 23,000 signatures calling for a National Public Inquiry into the matter of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls.

WHO: Michèle Audette, President of the Native Women's Association of Canada; Elder Annie Smith St Georges; family members, Lorna Martin, Sue Martin and Gail Nepinak; and, Members of Parliament: Dr. Carolyn Bennett and Niki Ashton

WHEN: February 13, 2014
1:00 p.m. (EST)

WHERE: Charles Lynch Press Conference Room, Centre Block
111 Wellington St. Ottawa, ON

WHY: The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) will deliver over 23,000 signatures to the Government of Canada calling for a National Public Inquiry into the matter of missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls. NWAC has documented, through the five-year Sisters in Spirit Initiative (2005-2010), nearly 600 'known' cases of missing and/or murdered Aboriginal women and girls. The results of their findings have been published to educate and promote action to address this issue. More recent research findings indicate that the number of missing and/or murdered Aboriginal women in Canada is over 800.

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