

## A Message from the CEO

June was an incredibly busy month at NWAC—filled with critical advocacy work, building capacity with our PTMAs, engaging with new and potential partners, providing corporate training, and developing a monthly e-newsletter.

### ENGAGING IN ADVOCACY

June 1 saw us launch our MMIWG action plan, Our Calls, Our Actions, after the Government of Canada (GOC) failed to hand down a true action plan in response to the National Inquiry's 231 Calls for Justice. The GOC's plan lacks concrete actions, measurable goals, budgets, and timelines. In contrast, our plan not only includes those components. It also sets out more than 65 concrete actions that address culture and language, health and wellness, human security, international action, justice, and public awareness. The media covered the lack of concrete action in the government's action plan extensively and NWAC received extensive national media coverage on this matter. Just as we advocated for the National Inquiry, NWAC will continue to advocate for the full implementation of the 231 Calls to Justice.



As part of our MMIWG action plan, NWAC printed 1,000 copies of a "little red book," which contains the 231 Calls to Justice, and distributed these to Indigenous women across Canada. We want Indigenous women to be aware of their right to have these "legal imperatives" implemented.

We also launched our newest initiative, Safe Passage. This dedicated website hosts the first Indigenous women-led database on MMIWG cases in Canada and provides important educational and training resources on violence prevention.

As part of our advocacy work, NWAC met with the Minister of Justice and the Commissioner of the RCMP to demand that charges be laid in the deaths of Indigenous children at Indian residential schools after the horrific discovery of 751 unmarked graves at the Marieval school in Saskatchewan. We demand that charges be laid

