



A Message from the CEO

The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is the national voice for Indigenous Women, Girls, Transgender, and Gender-Diverse people. Everything we do comes from this place, this focus on the people we serve.

In this issue of *Shining the Spotlight*, you'll read all about many of the issues we care about and the specific files we are working on. You'll read about our work on issues related to the environment, Indigenous languages, health, intergenerational trauma, employment equity, child and family services, as well as our work to promote Indigenous women entrepreneurs and providing Indigenous youth with tools for rekindling communities and intergenerational connections.

Let's unpack some of these issues.

When it comes to employment equity, there's a direct correlation between the work we're doing on this file and helping to improve the lives of the people we represent, including advocating for increased mental health supports for Indigenous women and gender-diverse workers.