



## HONOURING INDIGENOUS WOMEN ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2018

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OTTAWA, ON - The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) celebrates International Women's Day by thanking and honouring all Indigenous women in Canada, on Turtle Island and throughout Mother Earth for the contributions they make to the world everyday.

Indigenous women are sacred and today we pay honour and respect to each of them. President Francyne Joe stated, "We are blessed to have so many extraordinary Indigenous women that are leaders, teachers, sacred keepers and inspirations to their families and communities. These empowering women are changing the world and leaving it in a much better place for our next generation."

Today we ask that you have conversations with Indigenous Elders, women and girls and ask them to share their stories. These remarkable women are resilient, valued and significant contributors to positive change around us. We celebrate Indigenous women who fight for equality and social change and who bring that fight to larger audiences around the world. These leaders are true examples for our young Indigenous girls to look to for inspiration. However, let us also honour the women that are quietly and tirelessly working everyday as role models and contributors to change. These Indigenous women are mothers, sisters, daughters and grandmothers and they are teachers, business people, neighbours and volunteers. They are proud Indigenous women from all walks-of-life making the world a better place. They are striving to provide safety and equality for all Indigenous women.

On this International Women's Day 2018, we honour Indigenous women and thank them for being beacons of change, pillars of hope and voices of strength.

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The Native Women's Association of Canada (NWAC) is founded on the collective goal to enhance, promote, and foster the social, economic, cultural and political well-being of First Nations, Métis and Inuit women. NWAC is an aggregate of thirteen Native women's organizations from across Canada and was incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1974.

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