

Resolution — Advancing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls National Inquiry Calls to Justice

WHEREAS in 2019, the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls released their final report, “Reclaiming Power and Place,” which included [231 Calls for Justice](#) to address systemic violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people;

WHEREAS the federal government’s implementation of the Calls for Justice has been insufficient and lacks the urgency and accountability required to end the ongoing genocide of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people;

WHEREAS Indigenous rights-holders, governments and families of MMIWG victims continue to demand urgent action on the Calls to Justice, including directly addressing the needs of off-reserve Indigenous populations, to ensure all families and survivors get the support required;

WHEREAS municipalities are uniquely positioned to operationalize key aspects of the Calls for Justice, particularly in their roles as first responders and social service and housing providers;

WHEREAS many municipalities have taken steps towards Truth and Reconciliation, including but not limited to adopting and implementing the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (with particular attention given to Articles 7 and 22), supporting Indigenous data sovereignty, developing gender-based violence strategies that reflect the Calls for Justice, forming MMIWG-specific working groups, and co-developing community safety and housing initiatives with Indigenous communities;

WHEREAS municipalities require more federal leadership and collaboration to ensure nationwide guidance, expediting advancing the Calls to Justice at all levels of government, and ensuring that all First Nations, Métis, Inuit and urban Indigenous people have access to the support needed to address violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people;

RESOLVED, that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities calls on the federal government to urgently accelerate the implementation of the MMIWG Calls for Justice, including through dedicated and adequate MMIWG funding to Indigenous rights-holders and governments working to address violence against Indigenous, women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people;

RESOLVED, that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities calls on the federal to take a leadership role in improving coordination across all levels of government and jurisdictions towards implementing the MMIWG Calls for Justice;

RESOLVED, that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities call on the federal government to ensure that MMIWG funding is open to distinction-based governments and organizations as well as urban Indigenous organizations, to ensure that programs and services are accessible to all that need the support; and

RESOLVED, that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities urges the federal government to work with FCM and municipalities to advance the Calls to Justice in areas including but not limited to:

- Emergency services, policing and public safety, including anti-Indigenous racism in emergency services and policing;

- Infrastructure, transit and transportation;
- Affordable housing and homelessness response; and
- Transparent local reporting on progress on MMIWG, disaggregated Indigenous-lead data collection and public accountability mechanisms.