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BC Regional Chief calls for a full public inquiry into the disappearance and murder of Indigenous women along Highway 16 (“the Highway of Tears”).

Coast Salish Territory (West Vancouver BC). – BC Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould fully supports the Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) society in their call for a full inquiry into the missing and murdered women on Highway 16 in Central BC.

There are over 3000 missing Indigenous women in Canada, including the women from the Downtown Eastside and Highway of Tears, and these women cannot be forgotten. British Columbia has the highest rates of reported missing and murdered Indigenous women in Canada. As our legal system is focusing on seeking justice for those women who lost their lives on the Pickton farm, many cases of missing and murdered women along the Highway of Tears remain unsolved.

“All women, regardless of their socio-economic status, have a right to personal safety and we must bring closure and justice to missing and murdered Indigenous women and their families,” said Regional Chief Wilson-Raybould. “The BC Assembly of First Nations calls on the BC Attorney General to initiate a full public inquiry into the missing and murdered women on the Highway of Tears.”

The BC Assembly of First Nations joins the Carrier Sekani Family Services, the First Nations Summit, and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs in calling for a fully inquiry into the missing and murdered women on Highway 16.

The BCAFN is a Political Territorial Organization (PTO) whose members are the 203 First Nations in British Columbia. BC Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould is elected by and accountable to the 203 First Nations in British Columbia

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