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Statement from Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada on Red Dress Day

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA, May 5, 2025 -- Today, on **Red Dress Day**, the Nurse Practitioner Association of Canada (NPAC) stands in solemn solidarity with Indigenous communities across the country to honour the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2-Spirit People (MMIWG2S+). We acknowledge the profound grief, resilience, and strength of families and communities who continue to seek justice, accountability, and systemic change.

The red dress has become a powerful symbol—an enduring reminder of the lives stolen and a call to action to address the persistent and unacceptable violence rooted in colonialism, racism, and gender-based discrimination.

As nurse practitioners, we recognize our responsibility to uphold the principles of cultural safety, reconciliation, and anti-racism in all areas of our practice. We are committed to:

- Listening to and amplifying the voices of Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQPIA+ people;
- Advocating for culturally safe, trauma-informed, and equitable healthcare services;
- Supporting the full implementation of the *Calls for Justice* from the National Inquiry into MMIWG;
- Working in partnership with Indigenous communities to dismantle systemic barriers in health and beyond.



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We call on all Canadians to reflect, learn, and act. Justice cannot wait. Healing requires truth. And equity must be the foundation of our shared path forward.
We remember. We honour. We commit.

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About NPAC

The Nurse Practitioners Association of Canada (NPAC) is the national voice of Nurse Practitioners, representing NPs in every province and territory. NPAC advocates for evidence-based policy, education, and practice environments that enable NPs to deliver accessible, high-quality care to all Canadians.

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