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COMMUNIQUÉ on Accessible Format for the MMIW Report

The Canadian Federation of Library Associations – Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB) is pleased to announce the accessible format of “Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls”, including the Calls for Justice.

CFLA-FCAB congratulated the government in July 2019 on the long-awaited release of this report. At that time, CFLA-FCAB recognized that libraries can play a pivotal role by examining structures and processes within the library toward decolonization. We also encouraged libraries to provide online access to the report.

We are therefore very pleased to acknowledge the National Network for Equitable Library Service (NNELS) has produced an accessible format of the report which can be accessed by all via the NNELS website: <https://nnels.ca/items/reclaiming-power-and-place-executive-summary-final-report-national-inquiry>.

“It is important for all people in Canada to recognize the root causes and ongoing systemic violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA peoples.” stated Stacy Allison-Cassin, Chair, CFLA-FCAB Indigenous Matters Committee. “Enabling greater and more equitable access to the Report will enable all peoples in Canada to work toward change and bring about a more just society. The CFLA Indigenous Matters Committee urges all libraries and information centres in Canada to make this version of the Report available to their communities.”

CFLA-FCAB further recognized this important work for its very timely release as we celebrated National AccessAbility Week (NAAW). We encourage libraries to continue to inform their community members of the Report and to highlight and make the accessible version available through library catalogues, curated reading lists, and social media. The intersections of National AccessAbility Week and the national month for Indigenous History make this particularly important.

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