

**Minute for Right Relations
Sisters in Spirit Vigil
CSRC Right Relations Resource Team**

Responding to repeated calls by Indigenous people, allies and non-governmental organizations, the government finally launched the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. In June 2019, the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls issued its final report, identifying 231 Calls for Justice.

You may read the full report and the calls for justice on the National Inquiry for MMIWG website. <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/>

Annually on October 4th, hundreds of Sisters in Spirit vigils are held in communities across Canada to honour Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people who have gone missing or been murdered. There is still much work to be done to realize these calls for justice.

Listed below are ways that you can participate in a Sisters in Spirit Vigil and act on the calls for justice contained within the *National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Report*.

PARTICIPATE IN A VIGIL

- Vigils are organized at the community level. The Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC) publishes an online list of vigils registered with them. Visit [NWAC’s Sisters in Spirit vigil webpage](#) for further information.
- NWAC is organizing a virtual national vigil on Monday, October 4 at 2pm EST and will be live streamed from [NWAC’s Facebook page](#).

Other ways you can show your support:

- Light a candle in your home window this evening.
- Write a letter or contact your MP asking what actions are being implemented towards the 231 calls for justice.
- Change your social media avatar to a commemorative graphic. Facebook frame – Go to your profile on the Facebook app and tap “Edit” on your profile picture. Then tap “Add Frame”. Search for “Sisters in Spirit”.

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