



Students' Society of McGill University
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

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Motion Regarding Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women

Whereas, October 4 is a Canada-wide day of Sisters in Spirit vigils, planned to remember Missing and Murdered Aboriginal women from across the country,

Whereas, there are nearly 600 recorded cases of Aboriginal Women who have gone missing or been murdered in Canada, and the true number is likely much higher,

Whereas, a 2009 report from Statistics Canada stated that Aboriginal women are 3 times more likely than non-Aboriginal women to experience violent victimization, and are significantly more likely to be victims of homicide,

Whereas, numerous groups from across the country have repeatedly called for a national inquiry into this issue,

Whereas, the SSMU Constitution states that the SSMU “commits itself to groups, programs and activities that are devoted to the well-being of a group disadvantaged because of irrelevant personal characteristics that include but are not limited to race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, gender identification, age, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation or social class.”

Resolved, that the SSMU Legislative Council support the work of the National Women’s Association of Canada, the Sisters in Spirit initiative, Missing Justice collective, and other groups across the country which work to bring awareness about these issues by disseminating information to its membership through its listserv, social media and website;

Resolved, that the SSMU encourage its members to participate in the vigil on October 4, 2012.

Moved by:

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