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SPEECH

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9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SISTERS IN SPIRIT VIGIL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2013  
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

CIRCLE STAGE  
OLYMPIC PLAZA  
228 - 8 AVENUE SE  
CALGARY

### *Suggested Speaking Points*

- Thank you for your kind introduction.
- I am honoured to be here today on behalf of Premier Alison Redford and the Government of Alberta.
- And I am also saddened by why we need to have this vigil.
- We are here to remember the lives of sisters, daughters and mothers – women who have either gone missing or have been found brutally murdered.
- These are women who were loved and who loved others in return.
- These are women who have left a hole in the hearts of their families and their community.

- This vigil is necessary in order to remind all Albertans of the pain of loss that is deeply felt within the Aboriginal community.
- To deny the seriousness of these crimes is wrong.
- To suggest that lifestyle choice is to blame is wrong.
- To not be outraged is wrong.
- There are not two types of women – there are just women.
- I want you to know that I am going to do my best to share that truth.
- I will use my role in government to bring the proper attention to this issue.
- But I need your help.

- This is a societal problem that government can't solve alone.
- We need you.
- And we need all Albertans to care and to share what they can do to help.
- We need to hear your stories and your wisdom.
- Together, we must build an Alberta where violence is never tolerated – not by anyone, not in any circumstance.
- Only in doing so can we honour the lives of missing and murdered women by ensuring their mothers, daughters and grandchildren will never have to experience abuse, isolation or fear.
- Thank you.