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HIGHWAY OF TEARS 'CLEANSING THE HIGHWAY' WALK & FORUMS

The cleansing the highway walk and forums event is being held to bring awareness to the many Missing & Murdered loved ones from Highway 16 in Northern British Columbia between Prince Rupert and Prince George. It is also being held to support northern communities to develop safety plans.

Ten years ago in 2006, a Symposium was organized in Prince George BC to coordinate and address the issue of many indigenous women going missing or being found murdered. At that time there was a group of family members who walked from Prince Rupert to Prince George to help raise awareness. To mark the 10th anniversary of that historical event, some families will walk that same highway to continue the awareness and help plan for community safety by presenting community forums along the highway 16 corridor.

By conducting these forum's we will bring awareness not only to the front line workers but the community members that live in each of the communities along the Highway of Tears Corridor. At the forums the communities will be assisted in developing safety plans, as many of the cases in Northern British Columbia remain are unsolved, and many loved ones are still missing. The numbers unfortunately only continue to increase.

The route and schedule are as follows:

- Prince Rupert-June 1-Nisga Hall 860 3rd Ave. West 250 627-1595
- Terrace June 3-George Little House (Victim & Survivors Crime Walk) 250 635-2373
- Kitwanga June 5-Kitwanga Hall- Wanda Good
- Hagwilget June 7-Hagwilget Hall- Nadia Sebastion/Theresa Michell
- Hazelton June 8-Private Luncheon
- Smithers June 11-Ramona Lisa Wilson Memorial Walk & Music Fest- Brenda Wilson/Kathy Frank/Matilda Wilson
- Burns Lake-June 13-Location TBA
- Prince George- June 21-Treasure Cove Parking Lot to Lheidli Tenneh Park (RCMP Escort)

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