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## CSFS Hosting Special Film Screening in Honour of MMIWG

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## For immediate release

Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS), in partnership with the Indian Residential School Survivors' Society (IRSSS), is hosting a special, free screening of the film, 'Adaawk', in honour of Red Dress Day, and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

'Adaawk' "A-Dow-ick" (def.: Oral history), is a documentary that gives a glimpse into the lives of loved ones that are missing and murdered along the infamous Highway of Tears. Family members courageously share their stories, all while dealing with grief and loss, and what the raising of the "Grandmother" Commemoration Memorial & Healing Pole means to them.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Doors open at 5:30pm, the film starts at 6:00pm. A Q&A session will follow with special guests from the film in attendance.

WHERE: Prince George Cineplex Famous Players theatre. Entry is free.

Julie Daum, CSFS Executive Director of Justice and this event's Emcee, says that it was a perfect opportunity for CSFS to host a screening for a film like 'Adaawk' to honour MMIWG. "We must always take the time to honour and acknowledge those among us who were taken so tragically and their families and communities," says Daum. "We must remember and take the time to reflect on who and what we lost. I appreciate all those who work to commemorate them."

Julie Daum is available for interviews today and Thursday (with possible openings next week).

Lorna Brown, director and producer of 'Adaawk,' says that the purpose behind her film is to put names and faces to the Indigenous women, girls, two-spirted and gender diverse people who have gone missing along the Highway of Tears, and to honour their families. "The public needs to hear our stories," says Brown. "We're not just a number."

Anyone can register for a free ticket at adaawk.eventbrite.ca. Film details: adaawkfilm.com.

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