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**AMC expresses sincere condolences on the passing of Jacquie Black, Anishinaabe Writer/Director**

**Treaty One Territory, Manitoba** – The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC) issues this statement on the passing of Jacquie Black, Indigenous storyteller, who was the director and writer for the series TAKEN.

AMC Grand Chief Arlen Dumas stated, “It is with great sadness that we offer our condolences to the family and friends on Jacquie’s sudden death. This is such a loss in our Indigenous community as she worked on many projects, productions and programs that help to promote and showcase creative Indigenous expression and storytelling through print, music and television.”

Jacquie Black was the director and writer for the series TAKEN, a series that delves into the stories of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. She was also the Manager for The Indigenous Music Awards and the Communications Manager for the Manito Ahbee Festival. Her work experience also included working in the justice system in many capacities such as counsellor, peace officer, cultural coordinator, but she always held onto her gift for writing and as a storyteller.

“Her passion for ensuring the voices of Indigenous women were heard and taken seriously in the film, radio and TV industry will be sorely missed as will her involvement in the various First Nation cultural events across this county. She was a true mentor to many and her spirit will be missed. Again, I offer my sincere condolences to her family and friends” concluded Grand Chief Dumas.

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**About the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs**

The AMC was formed in 1988 by the Chiefs in Manitoba to advocate on issues that commonly affect First Nations in Manitoba. AMC is an authorized representative of 62 of the 63 First Nations in Manitoba with a total of more than 151,000 First Nation citizens in the province, accounting for approximately 12 percent of the provincial population. AMC represents a diversity of Anishinaabe (Ojibway), Nehetho / Ininew (Cree), Anishinew (Ojibwe-Cree), Denesuline (Dene) and Dakota Oyate (Dakota) people.