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**Message from K'ómoks First Nation: taking a stance against the Danger Cats, who profit from jokes about the mass murder of Indigenous women.**

The K'ómoks First Nation stands firmly against any form of racism, hate, and discrimination within our community. It has come to our attention that a planned event featuring the Albertan 'comedy' troupe Danger Cats is scheduled to perform at an undisclosed venue in Comox on May 30.

We are deeply offended by the actions and content promoted by Danger Cats. This group has previously generated significant controversy due to their offensive material and merchandise that make light of the monstrous crimes committed by Robert Pickton against Indigenous women and other women who were his victims. Pickton was convicted of six murders in 2007, but he is connected to dozens more, many of whom were Indigenous.

K'ómoks First Nation strongly condemns any actions that perpetuate ideologies rooted in hatred, violence, and division. In the spirit of solidarity, we join our voices with the [First Nations Leadership Council](#) (FNLC), municipal governments, and community members who have taken a principled stance against these events. The content promoted by Danger Cats is not only deeply offensive, but also serves to perpetuate dangerous stereotypes and discrimination against women. It is completely unacceptable to make jokes about the tragic loss of Indigenous women and the ongoing crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

We stand in solidarity with the families of the victims and all those who have been deeply affected by such acts of violence in this country. The attitudes displayed by Danger Cats dismiss the suffering and trauma experienced by victims, survivors, and their families. As highlighted by a family member of one of the victims, these views perpetuate the very discrimination that allow for such atrocities to occur.

**We call upon the local governments, businesses, and community members to take a stance against this event and to ensure that the Comox Valley does not become a platform for spreading such hate.** Further, the FNLC urges host venues to cancel bookings of any performers who make light of gender-based violence and deepen harm towards victims and survivors. Hosting this event contradicts our shared vision and values of respect, inclusion, and reconciliation.

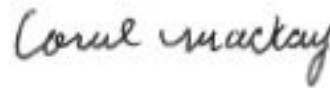
All community members must critically assess the content and message of events like these. While freedom of expression is a fundamental principle, it should not be used to promote hate speech or make light of the violent reality that so many of our women and girls experience. We must resist the spread of such harmful ideologies in our communities.

Our Nation aligns itself with the broader calls for action and justice for victims, survivors, and their families. We are committed to fostering an inclusive, tolerant, and welcoming Comox Valley that firmly rejects the promotion of violence, hate, and division. We stand with our neighbours and allies in creating a safe and just society, and we stand together in unity and love.

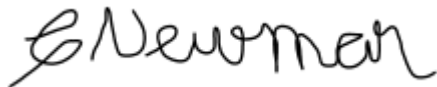
Respectfully,  
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