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Dear Leaders:

Kristine McLeod Emerging Indigenous Leader Award

In 2021, with the support of the Gwich'in Tribal Council (GTC), the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) created the *Kristine McLeod Emerging Indigenous Leader Award*. This award, presented annually, honours the memory of a young leader who contributed so much to the health, wellness, culture, and education of the people of the Gwich'in Nation and of the Northwest Territories (NWT).

The award recognizes young Indigenous NWT residents who demonstrate exceptional initiative and commitment to the principles of public service within community, territorial, federal, or Indigenous government. The goal of this award is to recognize Indigenous individuals who personify outstanding leadership qualities.

The nomination period for the 2023 *Kristine McLeod Emerging Indigenous Leader Award* is open until March 31, 2023, at 5:00PM MST.

The award's recipient will receive a grant of \$5,000 in recognition of their outstanding contributions. The grant will support the emerging leader as they continue to pursue education, training, or other opportunities that support their development as a leader.

This award program is delivered annually by the Department of Finance in conjunction with the Premier's Awards for Excellence.

Sincerely,


Caroline Cochrane
Premier

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