



ONTARIO NATIVE  
WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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**RE: ONWA ANNOUNCES 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**ONTARIO** – The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) launched its second annual Poetry Contest today to help raise awareness about violence against Aboriginal women and the impact it has on families. This contest is one of a series of activities that ONWA will be sponsoring in support of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, which is November 25, 2010.

The contest is open to all residents of Ontario and the deadline for submissions is 4:00 pm on Tuesday, November 23, 2010. Poetry submissions must be related to Aboriginal Women and Family Violence; must be less than 30 lines; and must not have been previously published.

The chosen poem will be read at the ONWA Open House held on November 25, 2010 in Thunder Bay. The winner will also receive a \$100 Gift Card to Chapters. All 2010 submissions will be compiled into a collection to be shared with participants, other organizations and the general public to continue to raise awareness of Violence against Aboriginal Women.

Last year, ONWA received over 30 submissions. This year everyone is encouraged to enter and those interested must contact ONWA directly to obtain an entry form.

Betty Kennedy, Executive Director of ONWA says, "The level of violence against Aboriginal women is pervasive. By continuing to raise awareness about this important issue, we can work to end the silence against violence and continue to work towards eliminating it."

The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) is a not for profit organization that empowers and supports Aboriginal women and their families in the province of Ontario.

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