



Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association

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Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (ANFCA) appoints new Executive Director

Edmonton, Alberta, March 16, 2017 - The Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association's (ANFCA) Executive Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Joanne Mason as the organization's new Executive Director. Joanne held this role previously and we look forward to working closely with her and our member Friendship Centres for the betterment of urban Indigenous communities.

Joanne is a seasoned not-for-profit Executive Director with extensive community, regional and provincial leadership skills to draw on. She is adept at operations management, strategic planning and achieving desired organizational outcomes. Having started her career with the ANFCA in 1997, Joanne is fully engaged in supporting and strengthening the roles Friendship Centres play in our communities. Known for her collaborative style, Joanne is a well-regarded community builder who embraces the grassroots and community-based structure of Friendship Centres.

With Joanne's leadership, the ANFCA will continue to support its local member Friendship Centres, focusing on the strategic priorities and community needs at the local, regional and provincial level.

Joanne assumes her position as ANFCA Executive Director on April 10, 2017.

About the Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association

The Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association (ANFCA), part of a network of 118 Friendship Centres across the country, offers assistance to member Friendship Centres at every level of program development and delivery. ANFCA staff represents our membership and clients province-wide on a variety of boards and advisory committee groups for organizations in the areas of health and wellness, education and employment, environment, etc. This representation ensures that the perspectives and needs of urban Indigenous people and our Friendship Centres are heard, addressed and included in local, provincial and national policy frameworks, program structures and service initiatives.

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