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The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) will be holding a press conference to publically release the *Journey to Safe SPACES: Indigenous Anti- Human Trafficking Engagement Report*.

Date: **11:00 AM on May 29th, 2019**

Location: **Galileo Hall, Italian Society of Prince Arthur**
132 S. Algoma Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario

This survivor and community led report, funded in collaboration with the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services and Minister Responsible for Women's Issues, is a pathway for new collaborative and integrated working relationships in Ontario.

Input was gathered by bringing together those most directly impacted by human trafficking, the survivors who were willing to share their stories. This was done by developing key partnerships with the Métis Nation of Ontario, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, the Chiefs of Ontario, the Fort Frances Tribal Area Health Services and the Native Resource Centre of Toronto. The Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) has facilitated the development of an integrated network of informed frontline workers that now extends to policy makers, police officers and health workers. Together, we have been able to look deeply at what is needed to help Indigenous women and girls safely exit from human traffickers and gangs. We invite the media to attend the release of this report, which we hope will inspire a larger framework for action to protect all women and girls, as we all know that this is an issue that goes beyond the borders of Ontario.

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