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### BCAFN CONGRATULATES MINISTERS IN THEIR NEW AND RETURNING CABINET POSITIONS

**(Lheidli T'enneh Territory, Prince George, BC – Nov. 21, 2019)** – The BC Assembly of First Nations welcomes and congratulates the federal ministers in their new and returning positions within the federal Liberal government. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the new government cabinet with the Honourable Carolyn Bennett retaining her role as minister of Crown-Indigenous relations, while Honourable Marc Miller is appointed as Minister of Indigenous Services.

“We have much work to do as we continue to build a strong foundation in Crown-Indigenous relations. Reconciliation is an extremely important effort for all Canadians, and we are beginning to see progress. A key to this is the sustained and persistent effort to implement the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* and the promise of systemic change.” Regional Chief Terry Teegee acknowledges the progress made in recent years working with the Liberal government on numerous First Nations issues.

Prior to his election, MP Marc Miller (Ville-Marie—Le Sud-Ouest—Île-des-Soeurs) was a practicing lawyer with Stikeman Elliott. Hon. Marc Miller also previously served in the Canadian Army as an infantry commander.

Hon. Seamus O'Regan leaves his position as the Minister of Indigenous Services and takes on a new role as the Minister of Natural Resources Canada. Cabinet members retaining their ministry seats include Hon. Maryam Monsef (Peterborough—Kawartha), Women and Gender Equality, plus Rural Economic Development, while Hon. David Lametti (LaSalle—Émard—Verdun) stays on as the Justice Minister and Attorney General of Canada.

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