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Foreword

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It is important to understand where we have been in order to move forward. Many of the authors in this journal acknowledge the important journey that our ancestors have taken in looking at where we are at today, and where we may be in the future. This is essential story telling for all our current generations as it contributes to the growing awareness that things are not right, the reasons why that may be, and ignites the fuel to make tomorrow a better day. While we are getting better at telling our stories, we are also strengthening our identities just by talking to each other at great length on all topics and exploring new ways of doing things – almost like a pioneering effort of investigating all that is available to those within general Canadian society.

Like those who first few who entered into University, there are now thousands in their place. And such will be so with past trail blazers and future politicians, philosophers, nation-builders, researchers (answer seekers) and care-givers. Our children will live vastly different lives than that of ourselves and our grandparents. The contents of this journal include works that aim to enhance the well being of our children and our future for Aboriginal children. The people who contribute to the journal are among the many that choose to walk in the footsteps of our ancestors, and pave the way for those yet to come.

In peace, Ginger Gosnell-Myers