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Nisga'a Nation Stands in Support of Citizen's Quest to End Systemic Racism

June 14, 2021 – New Aiyansh, B.C.: Wilp Si'ayuukhl Nisga'a ("WSN") – the Nisga'a Nation's legislature, convened in a Special Sitting on June 9 & 10. As part of its agenda, members of WSN invited Nisga'a citizen Kristy White for a presentation.

"I'm telling my story because I don't want another Nisga'a to experience what I experienced," said Kristy in an emotional voice.

Kristy shared her unfortunate experience giving birth to her baby, Wesley in Prince George in June of 2020 where she had been mistreated, as Kristy had referenced, based on her race.

"This is very concerning, but we applaud Kristy for her courage and bravery," said President Eva Clayton. "Systemic racism needs to stop, especially when it results in life-altering circumstances for patients in the health care system."

From November 30, 2020 – February 4, 2021, Dr. Mary-Ellen Turpel-Lafond released the final reports entitled, [In Plain Sight](#). The report addressed Indigenous-specific discrimination and racism in the B.C. Health Care system and also issued 24 recommendations to eliminate systemic racism in the areas of systems, behaviors and beliefs with time-specific calls for the B.C. government to implement the recommendations.

"The Nisga'a Nation fully supports the recommendations and calls on all levels of government to act swiftly to implement them, so young mothers like Kristy do not have to experience what she and Baby Wesley did." concluded President Clayton.

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Additional Information:

Since her experience, Kristy has sought legal advice and launched a media campaign telling her story.

Further details on Kristy and Baby Wesley's experience may be found through various media outlets, such as:

- [Nisga'a woman plans to file lawsuit against Northern Health](#)
Terrace Standard
- [Woman pursuing legal action on UHNBC following medically induced labour](#)
MyPGNow
- [Indigenous woman plans to file lawsuit against Northern Health citing racism](#)
The Abbotsford News
- [Abuse at Canadian Hospitals is Putting Indigenous Moms and their Babies at Risk](#)
Refinery 29