

## **Emergency Resolution 2 Support for Bill S-215**

The Committee recommends **Concurrence** in Emergency Resolution 2B.

**Originator: Saskatoon RWC**

**Because** Bill S-215, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (sentencing for violent offences against Indigenous women) requires a court to consider the fact that when the victim of an assault or murder is an Indigenous female person, this constitutes an aggravating circumstance for the purpose of sentencing; and

**Because** Bill S-215 was passed by the Senate on December 15, 2016 and is now before The House; and

**Because** The purpose of the bill S-215 is a remedial response meant to rectify the over-victimization of Indigenous females thus interrupting the detrimental effects and addressing biases:

**The PSAC Prairie Region Will** forward this resolution, if adopted to the National PSAC Triennial Convention to provide members direction, training, and resources to undertake coordinated national actions pressuring Members of Parliament to pass Bill S-215.

### RATIONALE:

It's a national issue. It affects people right across the country and it creates awareness. Awareness is needed to lobby parliamentarians to pass this bill.

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