

## **Chili Bean SWUAV**

I am a resident of the downtown eastside here in Vancouver for the last 29 years. I have participated in our women's memorial march every February 14<sup>th</sup> for the last twenty years. Unfortunately, there are numerous and a number of missing and murdered indigenous women, on our lists that we have every year, and I myself have known and come to be great friends with a number of these women. Unfortunately, it's a sad thing to hear about and, especially if there's no justice for these women. It doesn't matter what colour or lifestyle you lead, I think all people deserve justice. As far as murder or missing, you know, there should be some effort put into these numerous cases as they are our sisters and someone's mom, aunty, grandma, and sister. And so, I hold a vigil in my heart every day for the women that are still missing and the ones that have been murdered. To the families out there now, who have somebody missing or have been murdered, I keep you in my prayers and I hope that someday there will be closure for you.