

Tina Keeper is a mother and a Kokum from the Inninuak of Norway House Cree Nation in the Treaty 5 territory and of the Muskrat Dam First Nation of the Treaty 9 territory. She is a media producer and an advocate.

Keeper is best known for her award-winning role as 'Michelle Kenedi' on the CBC tv series North of 60 which ran for from 1992-2003.

Keeper served as a Member of Parliament for the federal riding of Churchill from 2006-2008. She was the first Indigenous woman to serve as a federal Member of Parliament from Manitoba. In 2008, she introduced a Private Member's Bill into the House that would ensure Canadian laws are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and introduced a Private Member's Bill regarding Jordan's Principle to address First Nations children's healthcare in Canada, and spoke in the House of Commons to the tabling of the IRS Settlement Agreement.

As an Honorary Witness for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Keeper co-produced the Royal Winnipeg Ballet's highly acclaimed ballet Going Home Star, guided by Indian Residential School Survivors.

She serves on the board of directors for the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television, is an Honorary Witness for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, is a member of the Manitoba Coalition for MMIWG & 2SILGBTQ, the Order of Manitoba, and a member of the Order of Canada.

Keeper is a recipient of an Aboriginal Achievement Award, a Gemini Award, a Canadian Civil Liberties Association award for Public Engagement, a Governor General's Meritorious Service Medal, the Earl Grey Lifetime Achievement Award, and an Honourary Doctorate of Letters from Wilfred Laurier University.