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Indigenous Peoples' Rights

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Campaign and Advocacy

May 5 is commemorated as National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The day became recognized in 2017 when Montana Senators Steve Daines and Jon Tester responded to the murder of Hanna Harris on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, as well as the cumulation of other murders and abductions of Native women and girls. Since then, grassroots efforts at local, regional, national, and international levels have grown as Indigenous families, advocates, and Indigenous nations continue to call attention to the violence and galvanize action in response to the MMIWG crisis.

We encourage you to join community actions this week to raise awareness and call on governments to be accountable to the injustices and systemic barriers embedded in federal and local legislation that perpetuate this crisis. As Hanna Harris's mother, Malinda Limberhand, aptly said: As a mother, nothing will replace the loss of my daughter, but by organizing to support the National Day of Awareness and creating the changes needed, I know it will help others. And Hanna and so many others will not be forgotten.

Share a photo. Make sure to use hashtags #MMIW, #MMIWG, #MMIWG2S, #MMIWActionNow, and #NoMoreStolenSisters!



NATIONAL INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER

Urge your Senators to pass Family Violence Prevention & Services ([#FVPSA](#)) reauthorization with key Tribal provisions: [n8ve.net/Ts6M5](#)

Tag The Justice Department, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, and the US Interior on social media and demand they immediately implement the Not Invisible Act

Tag the Justice Department and the FBI on social media and demand they improve MMIW data collection under Savannas Act [. #MMIW, #MMIWG, #MMIWG2S, #MMIWActionNow #NoMoreStolenSisters](#)

A short film by [Native Hope](#). Marty Coulee is a Native American entrepreneur living the good life. When her Native American business partner Jess, vanishes without a trace on a business trip to Arizona, Marty becomes a voice for the voices unheard.

This film follows three Indigenous women an artist, an activist, and a politician as they fight to vindicate and honor their missing and murdered relatives who have fallen victims to a growing epidemic across Indian country. Despite the lasting effects from historical trauma, each woman must search for healing while navigating racist systems that brought about this very crisis.



Leya Hale (Sisseton Wahpeton Dakota and Navajo) is a storyteller, documentary filmmaker, and a producer with Twin Cities PBS (TPT). Her recent film, "[Bring Her Home](#)," addresses the epidemic of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women in the United States.



It is imperative to include Two-Spirit relatives in the raising of awareness of MMIWG. [Read](#) about the meaning of Two-Spirit to learn about the [many intersections of violence](#) that threaten Two-Spirit people. To learn more and give support, visit organizations such as [Families of Sisters in Spirit](#) and read this [organizing toolkit](#) from the Sovereign Bodies Institute. For immediate help with a case of domestic violence or dating violence, please visit StrongHearts Native Helpline's online [Chat Advocacy](#) or helpline (1-844-7NATIVE).

Find more resources [here](#).

[Indigenous Languages as Contributors to the Preservation of Biodiversity](#)

[Galina Angarova Speaks about Indigenous Peoples' Role in Protecting Biodiversity](#)

[Disappointment as COP25 Fails to Deliver on Indigenous Rights](#)

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