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Program



Voices of the Families

- ▶ Malinda Limberhand, Mother of Hanna Harris (*Northern Cheyenne*)
- ▶ **Velina Guy** and Tiffany Sorrell, Sister and Daughter of Laverda Guy Sorrell (*Diné*)
- ▶ Grace Bulltail (*Crow Nation*) and Yolanda Fraser, Aunt and Grandmother of Kaysera Stops Pretty Places (*Northern Cheyenne Tribe*)

Voices of Allies: Organizing for Change Through Running

- ▶ Jordan Marie Brings Three White Horses Daniel (*Lower Brule Sioux Tribe*), Rising Hearts

Closing Remarks by Cherrah Giles, Chair, Board of Directors, NIWRC

Traditional Closing: Juana Majel Dixon, National Congress of American Indians Violence Against Women Task Force Co-chair, and Pauma-Yuima Band of Luiseño Indians Traditional Councilwoman

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Traditional Opening



NaniFay Paglinawan
(Native Hawaiian)
Board of Directors
Pouhana 'O Nā Wahine
(Pillars of Women)



Dolly M.I. Tatofi, MSW, LCSW
(Native Hawaiian)
Board of Directors
Pouhana 'O Nā Wahine
(Pillars of Women)

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“While history cannot be undone, changes to current federal policies can increase the safety of Native women to save lives. Before the MMIWG crisis can be fully addressed, it must first be acknowledged.”
-Cherrah Giles, NIWRC Board Chair



Welcome
Honoring Our
Native Women
A National Day
of Awareness
May 5th, 2022
Cherrah Giles
NIWRC Board Chair

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Honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

Public Awareness



Public Honoring

- ▶ **Honor** Indigenous women
- ▶ **Support** their loved ones
- ▶ **Support** community healing
- ▶ **Fulfill** responsibilities
- ▶ **Call for** local, national, international changes

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An Alarming Pattern of Missing and Murdered in the U.S.

- ▶ **Indigenous women are murdered and go missing at a higher rate than any other ethnic group.**
- ▶ **Many of these cases are part of the spectrum of violence against Indigenous women.**
- ▶ **On some reservations women are murdered at a rate 10 times higher than the national average.**
- ▶ **2017 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) homicide is the 6th leading cause of death of Native females between ages of 1-44.**

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Lack of Consequences for Violent Crimes Against Native Women

- ▶ **Indigenous women are vulnerable to a wide spectrum of violence often intersecting with cases of MMIW.**
- ▶ **The National Institute of Justice reports that more than four in five AI/AN adults (83 percent) have experienced some form of violence in their lifetime.**
- ▶ **Among AI/AN women, more than 1 in 2 have experienced physical violence by intimate partners or sexual violence in their lifetime, and more than 1 in 12 have experienced it in the past year.**
- ▶ **Vulnerability is due in part to the lack of legal consequences reflected in the low number of federal prosecutions of domestic violence and sexual assault abusers and sex traffickers.**
- ▶ **Vulnerability is also due in part to the lack of tribal specific services for Native women and the lack of full authority to protect Native women**
- ▶ **Due to this reality Indian tribes and Indigenous communities must be prepared to respond if a woman goes missing.**

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A Pattern of Failed Systemic Response

- ❖ Native woman is missing
- ❖ Report is made
- ❖ Inadequate response by criminal system
- ❖ Community search for MMIW
- ❖ Community walks and other social justice actions



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Honoring Indigenous women who are missing and/or have been murdered, including those named here. We thank NIWRC's Family Advisors for sharing their memories with us.

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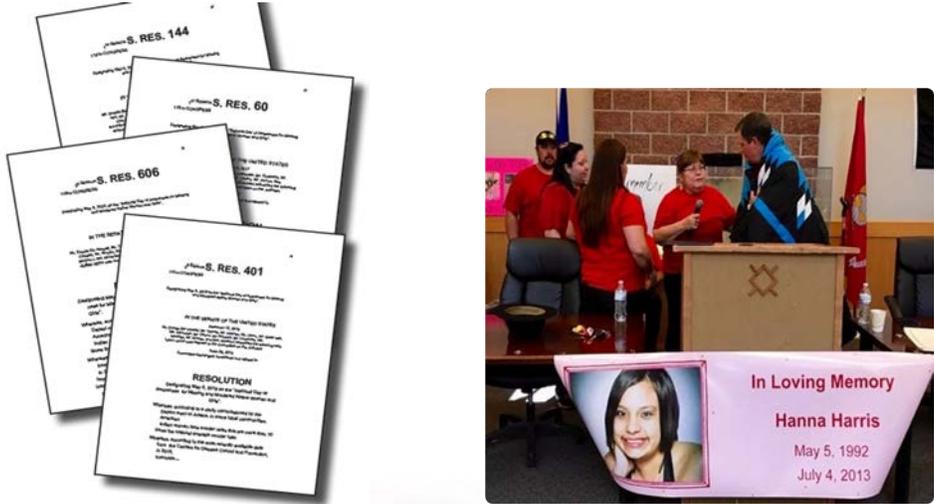
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Malinda Limberhand
Northern Cheyenne Nation

- ▶ A National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls
- ▶ May 5th is the birthday of my daughter Hanna Harris who went missing on July 4, 2013 and was murdered
- ▶ Organize for changes needed at the tribal, state, and national level
- ▶ Increase public awareness: wear red, post your efforts on social media
- ▶ Honor our Native women and girls



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Organizing for Changes Needed

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Organize for the changes needed at the tribal, state, and national levels



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**#MMIWGTakeAction #NoMoreStolenSisters #MMIWG
Wear red and post on social media
to call for changes needed**

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***“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.”***

-Malinda Limberhand



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Hanna Harris Northern Cheyenne 2013 Solved, missing & murdered

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Grace Bulltail and Yolanda Fraser
Crow Nation and Northern Cheyenne Tribe



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Justice for Kaysera



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**Kaysera Stops
Pretty Places
Crow/Northern Cheyenne
2019
unsolved, murdered**

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Running For Justice



“A proud Lakota winyan, running for justice, helping to organize for our communities & elevate our voices.”

- Jordan Marie Daniel

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Closing Remarks

***The system is broken.
I lost my daughter and
I know my
granddaughters face the
same danger.
We all do.***

—MOTHER OF A MISSING NATIVE WOMAN FOUND MURDERED



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RESOURCES

- ▶ National Indigenous Women's Resource Center: <https://www.niwrc.org/policy-center/mmiw>
- Webinar: Introducing A Tribal Safe Housing Center <https://n8ve.net/wmFbv>
- Restoration Article: Coming Soon: The Tribal Safe Housing Center <https://n8ve.net/wBqMG>
- ▶ Alaska Native Women's Resource Center: <https://www.aknwrc.org/resources/aknwrc-resources/mmiw-resources/>
- ▶ Indian Law Resource Center: <http://www.indianlaw.org/>
- ▶ National Congress of American Indians: <http://www.ncai.org/>
- ▶ ATCEV: <http://www.atcev.org/>
- ▶ StrongHearts Native Helpline: <http://www.strongheartshelpline.org/>
- ▶ Jordan's website: www.jordanmariedaniel.com

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RESOURCES

- ▶ NIWRC's Restoration Magazine Special Edition (*January 2022*): <https://www.niwrc.org/restoration-magazine/special-edition-mmiw>
- ▶ [*Brochure: When a Loved One Goes Missing - A Quick Reference Guide for What to Do in the First 72 Hours*](#)
- ▶ [*Pocket Guide: When a Loved One Goes Missing - Understanding and Responding to the Crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women*](#)
- ▶ [*Poster: Jurisdiction and Crime Victims' Rights*](#)

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TRADITIONAL CLOSING Juana Majel Dixon

**Pauma-Yuima Band of
Luiseño Indians
Traditional Councilwoman and
NCAI Violence Against Women
Task Force Co-chair**



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