

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women National Day of Action: Uplifting the Voices of MMIW Surviving Families

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**Traditional Opening: NaniFay Paglinawan and Dolly M.I. Tatofi
(Native Hawaiian), Board of Directors, Pouhana 'O Nā Wahine
(Pillars of Women)**

**MMIW Overview: Cherrah Giles (Muscogee (Creek)), Chair, Board of
Directors, NIWRC**

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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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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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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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Velina Guy & Tiffany Sorrell

Navajo Nation



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Grace Bulltail and Yolanda Fraser
Crow Nation and Northern Cheyenne Tribe



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**Kaysara 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.jordanmarriedaniel.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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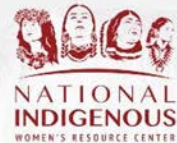


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