



INDIGENOUS CONNECTIONS

NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN

Recognizing May 5th

On behalf of BGCA Native Services and the Indigenous Connections Movement Resource Group, we would like to honor and recognize the “**National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women**” on May 5th, a day to remember and raise awareness to the epidemic that is violence against Indigenous women and girls. Some now also refer to it as MMIP for “Persons”, as data is showing men, Two Spirit, LGBTIQ+ Native people are also missing and murdered at an alarming rate.

Please join us in standing in solidarity with Native communities by wearing red shirts or ribbons to commemorate the day and raise awareness for missing and murdered Indigenous women. We hope you will share this information to spread more awareness for this issue and the fact that ***Native women are up to 10 times more likely to be murdered or sexually assaulted.***

THE FACTS:

- **4 in 5 American Indian/Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime** – 56% of them have experienced sexual violence.
- The murder, rape, and **violent crime rates for AI/AN people is higher than national averages.**
- The murder rate for AI/AN women living on a reservation is **10 times higher than the national average** and is the **3rd leading cause of death for Native women.**
- There are over **4,200 missing and murdered cases** that have gone unsolved.

