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ON MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES

A critical discussion with Navajo Nation Delegate Amber Kanazbah Crotty on what to do once a Relative goes missing

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Introduced in 2016, May 5th is a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives. To follow in 2019, Restoring Ancestral Winds helped inform the public about MMIWG and a resolution to declare May 5th as MMIWG Awareness Day in Salt Lake City, Utah was passed.

The Missing and Murdered Epidemic is so much, that it touches the lives of all Indigenous People. Perhaps the most devastating reality is Native People are often not found once they go missing, an experience that can crumble communities and take generations to heal from.

In response to the Missing and Murdered Violence on Indigenous Relatives, this violence has led our Nations into a time of deep advocacy, in hopes of healing this genocidal and colonial legacy. Advocacy in every territory has prompted our communities to develop tools and systems that will allow the invisible to be seen, for the silenced to be heard, and hopefully for our missing to be found.

Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives (MMDR) and Navajo Nations Missing Persons Updates (NNMPU) have responded with the development of a Missing Persons Community Action Toolkit to help our relatives advocate and navigate the systems that have failed us. It should be a start in guiding us to be organized during traumatic times and empower us to hopefully locate and bring our missing Relatives home.

Join us as we discuss the barriers that prevent Indigenous People from being found once they go missing, creating deep wounds within our Nations for generations to come and how Navajo Nation Delegate, Amber Kanazbah Crotty has dedicated her work to providing families tremendous guidance and resources once that violence takes place.

Restoring Ancestral Winds is actively working to make the invisible, visible. A critical part of our work is ensuring that we address the lack of data around violence towards native people that is currently not included in a majority of public safety data collections.

As a tribal coalition, Restoring Ancestral Winds sees the power in listening to and elevating the voices of Indigenous communities to define the present and root causes of such high rates

of experienced violence. Supporting Indigenous people defining their own unique set of issues will allow for responses that are culturally just.

Restoring Ancestral Winds mission is to support healing in our Indigenous communities. We will: advocate for healthy relationships; educate our communities on issues surrounding stalking, domestic, sexual, dating and family violence; collaborate with Great Basin community members and stakeholders; honor and strengthen traditional values of all our relations.

CRISIS OVERVIEW

National Crime Information Center reports **5,712 missing Native American women, girls, and LGBTQ in 2016.**

4 OUT OF 5

OF OUR NATIVE WOMEN

**& GIRLS ARE AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE
TODAY.**

The U.S Department of Justice found that Native American women face homicide rates that are more than **10** times the national average.

1 in 4 Missing and Murdered Indigenous Females is 18 and under. This crisis is one that impacts those who identify as female at alarming rates. (Sovereign Bodies Institute)

Homicide is the 2nd leading cause of death for Native American girls ages 1-4, the 3rd leading cause of death among 10-24 years of age and the fifth leading cause of death for Native American and Alaska Native women between 25 and 34 years of age. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Homicide)

In Utah homicide rate for Native American is 8.3/100,000, 1.4 for Asian, 4.8 for Black, 2 for white. In Utah, for every one white homicide, there are 4 homicides for Native Americans. (Utah Office of Vital Records and Statistics).

*Utah data of Indigenous people missing and murdered is incomplete.

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