

In an effort to address violence against Indigenous women and girls, the **Utah MMIWG Task Force** welcomes you to offer your words.

YOUR VOICE IS SACRED

SPEAK YOUR TRUTH.

Tribal Nation Residents,

Co-chairs of the Utah MMIWG Task Force Senator David Hinkins and House of Representatives Angela Romero & other task force members will facilitate an in-person listening session to hear your public testimony.

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE
WILL BE MADE
POSSIBLE VIA
TASK FORCE
WEBSITE.

RESOURCES
WILL BE
AVAILABLE

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND IN PERSON:

You may offer your statement by PHONE, EMAIL or by sending a LETTER

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UTAH MMIWG TASK FORCE | BACKGROUND

In 2021, the Utah Legislature enacted HB0041 to reestablish the Utah MMIWG Task Force. Nine members were appointed. The first meeting was held in June. November 20th is the second meeting.

HB0041 outlines that the Utah MMIWG Task Force shall:

Conduct appropriate consultations with tribal governments on the scope and nature of the issues regarding murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls; develop model protocols and procedures to apply to new and unsolved cases of murdered or missing Indigenous women and girls, including the best practices for improving the way law enforcement investigators and prosecutors respond to the high volume of the cases, and to the investigative challenges that might be presented in cases involving female victims; collecting and sharing data among various jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies; and better use of existing criminal databases; seek input from multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional persons, including representatives from tribal law enforcement and federal agencies, about how to review cold cases involving murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls; and address the need for greater clarity concerning roles, authorities, and jurisdiction throughout the lifecycle of cases involving murdered and missing indigenous women and girls by discussing: best practices in cases involving murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls, including best practices related to communication with affected families from initiation of an investigation through case resolution or closure; and education and outreach campaigns for communities that are most affected by crime resulting in murdered and missing indigenous women and girls to identify and reduce the crime.

