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MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

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The week of May 5th was declared the International Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S) in 2017. We also want to recognize **a Cheyenne Woman**, who went missing in 2013. Her name is **Hannah Harris** and her birthday is May 5th (1).

May 5th is also known as Red Dress Day; as it was inspired by Metis artist Jamie Black. She hung empty red dresses in honor of women missing and murdered. It is because of her, that we stand in solidarity wearing Red to symbolize this crisis (2).



The MMIW Red Hand

This represents **ALL** of the missing people whose voices are often unheard and silenced by the media and law enforcement amidst this epidemic. If you’ve noticed people with Red Handprints across their face, please understand that this act is sacred and only for Natives. It honors the Native women who have endured oppression and subjugation and who are now rising to say: **#NoMoreStolenSisters**.

(The National Crime Information Center NamUs and Institute, S.U.I.H. (2025) Missing and murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW), Native Hope.)



More than **4 out of 5** American Indian/Alaskan Native women have experienced violence (3).



84% of Native women and girls experience violence in their lifetimes (4).



86% of sexual assaults against Native women and girls are by non-Native men (4).

VIOLENCE AGAINST MMIWP

UNREPORTED & UNCOUNTED



Many American Indians/ Alaska Natives believe that the dead can see red, so by wearing red they invoke the help of their ancestors and spiritual guides (4). **Did you know?** The red hand demonstrates connection between the physical world and the spiritual world. As a non-native, you can help bring awareness to this crisis and epidemic by: Wearing Red on May 5th—Take a Photo & Share on your social media **#MMIW #MMIP #SayHerName #NoMoreStolenSisters**

Fancy Dance | 2023

Directed and written by Erica Tremblay (Seneca Cayuga), co-written by Miciana Alise (Tlingit), and starring award-winning actress Lily Gladstone (Blackfeet (Siksikaitsitapi) and Nimíipuu (Nez Perce).



Murder in Bighorn | 2023

Directed by Razelle Benally (Oglala Lakota/Diné)



Missing and Murdered: Finding Cleo by CBC News

In the 1970s, a young Cree girl named Cleo Nicotine Semaganis was taken from her family in Saskatchewan. Now, an investigative reporter has teamed up with Cleo’s siblings to uncover the truth about her disappearance and to piece together what actually happened to her.

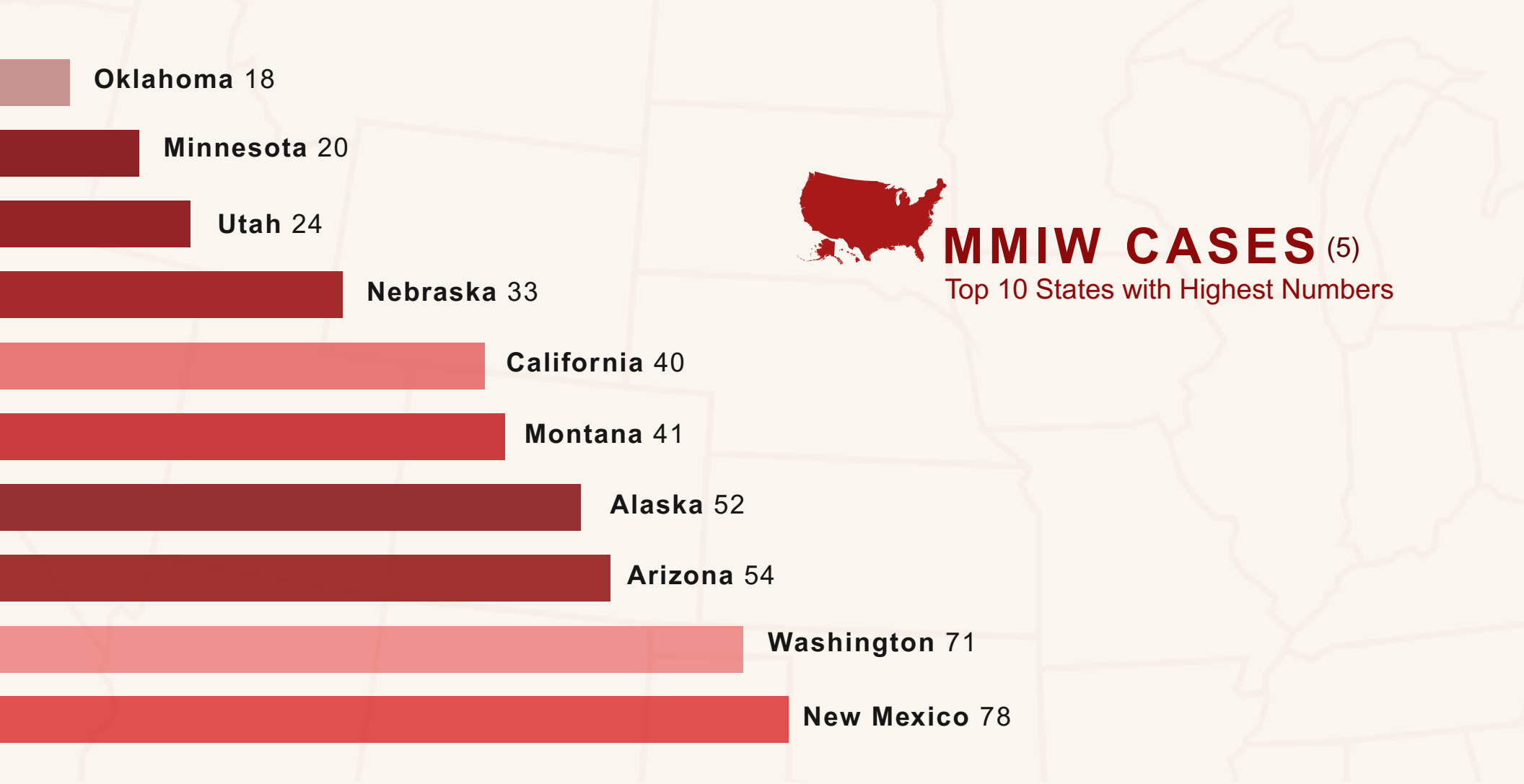
Not Invisible by Red House

“Not Invisible seeks to unravel the mysteries and myths behind cases of missing & murdered Indigenous women that are tied to water protection, land sovereignty, and extractive industries.”



Miyek’suya (Remember Me) Honouring “Missing, Murdered, Indigenous Persons”

Memory Poni-Cappo (Fort Yuma Quechan/ Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, néhiyaw, Kumeyaai)
(Beaded Doll, 2024)



MMIW CASES (5)
Top 10 States with Highest Numbers

Homicide is the leading cause for American Indian/ Alaska Natives

#3 leading cause of death among 10 to 24 year olds.

#5 leading cause of death among 25 to 34 year olds.

Infographic for 2022 National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls (MMIWG)



By staying aware on this crisis, you can educate yourself by visiting sites like: The National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, Native Hope, Urban Health Institute, etc.
Be ready to **listen, learn, visit, support, and donate** Indigenous Nonprofit organizations.

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