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# MMIW

## MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

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The week of May 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <b>Cheyenne Woman</b> , who went missing in 2013. Her name is <b>Hannah Harris</b> and her birthday is May 5 <sup>th</sup> (1).					

### 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**

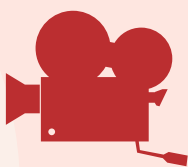
FILMS

Murder in Bighorn | 2023

Directed by Razelle Benally  
(Oglala Lakota/Diné)

Fancy Dance | 2023

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



When They Were Here | 2017

Brother and Sister from Blackfeet Tribe of  
Northern Montana, Ivan and Ivy MacDonald

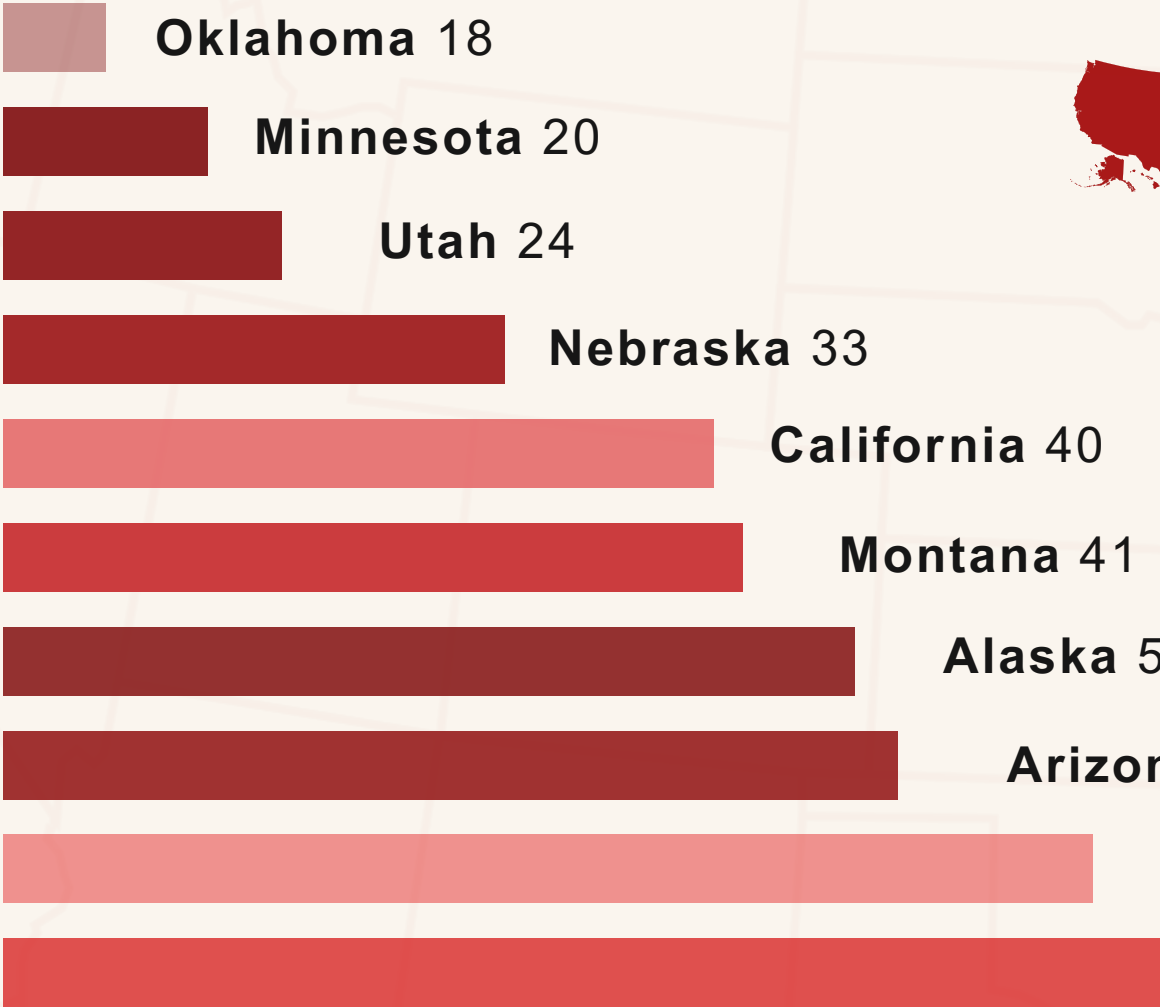
PODCASTS

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.”

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.



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.