

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 2019-037**

Proclaiming May 5, 2019 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Day of Awareness.

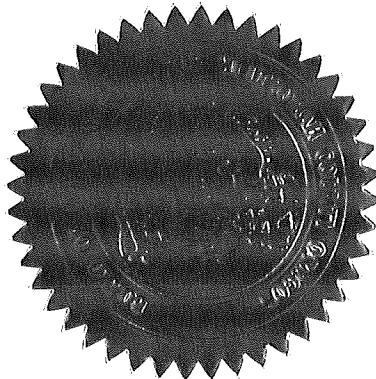
**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- A. Violence against women is an issue that impacts our entire community.
- B. According to the National Crime Information Center, there were 5,712 instances where American Indian Alaskan Native women went missing in 2016. Only 116 of those cases were logged into the US Department of Justice's federal missing persons database.
- C. Native American women and girls face the highest rates of life threatening, or life ended violence per capita out of any other race and are often unprotected by the American legal system as tribes hold a unique, sovereign status.
- D. These women and girls are often unaccounted for in traditional law enforcement data systems.
- E. These women and girls are often misidentified when coming into contact with law enforcement or other programs, resulting in a lack of cross-jurisdictional support services being offered to victims from potential law enforcement, Tribal and community services.
- F. Multnomah County recognizes the importance of this issue and the impact in our community and stands in solidarity with other governmental jurisdictions, organizations, and Urban Native and Tribal communities in building awareness.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:**

May 5, 2019 as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Day of Awareness in Multnomah County, Oregon.

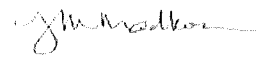
**ADOPTED this 2nd day of May, 2019.**



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Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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