

WHEREAS; research suggests that more than four in five Indigenous women have experienced violence in their lifetime, more than half of Indigenous women have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime, and homicide continues to be a leading cause of death among Indigenous women and girls; and

WHEREAS; while there are thousands of reported cases of missing Indigenous women and girls, as of May 2026, the United States Department of Justice only reports 283; and

WHEREAS; while there is a glaring epidemic of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Wisconsin and across the United States, all too often, these incidents often go unreported, uninvestigated, unsolved, or unaddressed, including in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; the state recognizes that there have been reported instances of violence towards Indigenous women and girls from the 12 Native Nations in Wisconsin, and remains committed to supporting efforts to help bring attention to this issue and fight the abduction, homicide, violence, and trafficking of Indigenous women and girls in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsinites in mourning and calling attention to all missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls across the state and country, as well as all those who have experienced violence and assault, and commemorates the lives of all missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, standing in solidarity with the families of the victims of these senseless tragedies and resolving to act to prevent further victimization;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 5 2026 as

## **NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS**

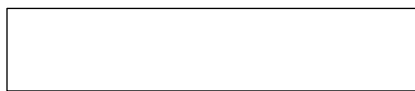
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 23rd day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State