

WHEREAS; according to a 2016 report from the National Institute of Justice, 84 percent of Indigenous women have experienced violence in their lifetime, and more than half have experienced sexual violence; and

WHEREAS; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that homicide is the fourth leading cause of death among Indigenous women between the ages of one and 19 and the sixth leading cause of death among Indigenous women between the ages of 20 and 44; and

WHEREAS; in 2016, the National Crime Information Center reported nearly 6,000 cases of missing Indigenous women and girls, but the United States Department of Justice logged only about 100 cases; and

WHEREAS; it is clear that there is an epidemic of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Wisconsin and across the United States, yet these incidences often go unreported, uninvestigated, or unaddressed; and

WHEREAS; while there is still very little data on the true scope of this epidemic, we recognize that there have been reported instances of violence towards Indigenous women and girls from the 11 federally recognized Native Nations that call Wisconsin home; and

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin joins the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Task Force in commemorating the lives of all missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls—regardless of whether their cases have been documented in public records and the media—and stands in solidarity with the families of the victims of these senseless tragedies; and

WHEREAS; today, we mourn and call attention to all missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls throughout our state and country, as well as all those who have experienced violence and assault, and resolve to act to prevent further victimization;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 5, 2021, as a

## **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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State