



Proclamation

WHEREAS; There is not a comprehensive estimate of Indigenous women, girls and persons who are missing and murdered in the United States, but many factors contribute to this crisis, such as fear, stigma, legal barriers, racism, sexism, and the devastating levels of violence in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS; according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, homicide is the third leading cause of death among Indigenous women and girls between 10 and 24 years of age and the fifth leading cause of death for Indigenous women between 25 and 34 years of age; and

WHEREAS; In 2016, the National Crime Information Center reported nearly 6,000 cases of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls, but the U.S. Department of Justice was tracking only about 100 cases; and

WHEREAS; still little data exist on the number of missing Indigenous women, girls and persons in the US, but there have been instances of violence towards Indigenous women and girls from the Santa Rosa area; and

WHEREAS; We HONOR the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and persons whose cases are documented and undocumented in public records and the media; and demonstrate solidarity with the families of the victims in light of those tragedies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, I, Natalie Rogers, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim Sunday 05/05/24 as "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Persons Awareness Day" and call upon all City of Santa Rosa citizens to commemorate the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women, as well as those who have experienced violence and assault and resolve to act to prevent further victimization.

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS, AND PERSONS AWARENESS DAY



Mayor Natalie Rogers
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