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## Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Wind River Inter-Tribal Council joins with others throughout the United States to spur awareness on the Wind River Reservation, the State of Wyoming, the Rocky Mountain region, and the nation of the critical issue Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls; and

**WHEREAS**, there is not a comprehensive estimate of how many Indigenous women are missing and murdered in the United States as many of the victims come from underserved communities or their disappearances or murder go unreported resulting in systemic failure; and

**WHEREAS**, many factors contribute to this epidemic, such as fear, stigma, legal barriers, racism, sexism, and the devastating levels of violence in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly half of all Native American women in the United States have been raped, beaten, or stalked by an intimate partner; they are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual assault; one in three will be raped in her lifetime; and on some reservations, women are murdered at a rate 10 times higher than the national average; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes recognizes and endorses May 5<sup>th</sup> as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls National Awareness Day and seeks to build support by increasing awareness within our community and in the United States year around; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved the Wind River Inter-Tribal Council calls on tribal members and community members of the reservation, state and region to:

- Commemorate the lives of the missing and murdered indigenous women and girls 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.
- Get informed and educate others on this issue in order to protect our Indigenous women and girls.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Wind River Inter-Tribal Council on behalf of the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 5, 2018 as:

**MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AWARENESS DAY ON THE WIND RIVER RESERVATION**

Clinton D. Wagon, Chairman  
Eastern Shoshone Business Council

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Northern Arapaho Business Council