



# MAY 5 DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MMIWG2S+



## WHAT IS IT?

May 5 is the National Day of Awareness for MMIWG2S+. MMIWG2S+ is the acronym for **Missing Murdered Indigenous Women Girls and 2-Spirit**. Other abbreviations used are MMIW, MMIP representing Missing Murdered Indigenous Women and Missing Murdered Indigenous Persons.

## IMPORTANT STATS:

- More than 4 out of 5 Indigenous women have experienced violence (84.3%) [National Institute of Justice Report, US)
- Indigenous Women are murdered at a rate 10x higher than all other ethnicities (US Statistic)
- Indigenous Women are murdered 3x more than Anglo-American women (US Statistic)
- Indigenous women and girls are 5x more likely to experience violence than any other population in Canada
- US attorneys **decline to prosecute almost 52%** of violent crimes that occur in Indian Country. 67% of cases declined were sexual abuse related cases.

## THE RED HANDPRINT:

- **The Red Handprint** stands for all the missing siblings whose voices and stories are not heard. It stands for the **silence of the media & law enforcement** who don't do enough during these crises.

## HOW TO SUPPORT:

- **Research and donate** to organizations that support & assist survivors of violence and assault.
- **RT/Share** MMIP notices that you see on social media.
- **Attend actions & lend your voice** to the Native Peoples & organizations who are already working to spread awareness.
- **Wear red**, take a photo, and **share it on social media** to bring awareness. Tell others why you are supporting the day.
- **Follow, research**, and use the hashtags, **#MMIW #MMIWG2S #MMIWAActionNow #NoMoreStolenSisters**

## ORGANIZATIONS/RESOURCES

### Blood Tribe Department of Health

<https://btdh.ca/kainai-wellness-centre/>

### Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women

[www.csvanw.org](http://www.csvanw.org)

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### National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

[www.niwrc.org](http://www.niwrc.org)

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### Sovreign Bodies Institute

[www.sovreign-bodies.org](http://www.sovreign-bodies.org)

@safensovreign

### Strong Hearts Native Helpline

[www.strongheartshelpline.org](http://www.strongheartshelpline.org)

@strongheartsdv

### We R Native

[www.wernative.org](http://www.wernative.org)

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