

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, according to a 2016 report from the National Institute of Justice, 84% of American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime, more than half of whom experienced sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, homicide is the third leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Native women between the ages of 10 and 24 years, and the fifth leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women between the ages of 25 and 34 years; 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 exists on the number of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls in the United States, but there have been instances of violence toward Indigenous women and girls from the eleven recognized Wisconsin Native American Tribes; and

WHEREAS, we commemorate the lives of missing and murdered American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls whose cases are documented and undocumented in public records and the media; and stand in solidarity with the families of the victims of those tragedies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2021 as

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Day of Awareness

in Appleton to commemorate the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and call attention to the many missing and murdered Native women and girls, as well as those who have experienced violence and assault, and resolve to act to prevent further victimization.



Signed and sealed this 3rd day of May 2021.

JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON