

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING MAY 5, ) RESOLUTION NO. 18-4891  
2018 AS A DAY OF AWARENESS FOR )  
MISSING AND MURDERED NATIVE WOMEN ) Introduced by Deputy Council President  
AND GIRLS ) Shirley Craddick

WHEREAS, Metro stands with other tribal, local, regional, state and national governments and organizations in support of National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls; and

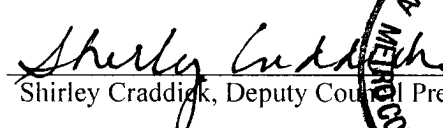
WHEREAS, the lasting effect of colonization and a history of oppressive policies directly correlates to the rise of violence against Native women and girls, which is in direct conflict with tribal cultural values; and

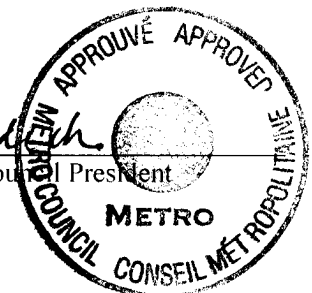
WHEREAS, the disappearances and murders of Native women and girls is often directly connected to domestic violence, sexual assault or trafficking, which is a direct threat to tribal sovereignty and compromises Indian Country's ability to heal from historic trauma; and

WHEREAS, American Indian and Alaska Native women are 2.5 times more likely to experience violent crimes – and at least twice as likely to experience rape or sexual assault crimes – compared to all other races, according to a 2013 National Congress of American Indian Policy Research Center report; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council proclaims May 5, 2018 as a Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls in the greater Portland region. We encourage other businesses, organizations, public institutions and community members to observe this day and learn and teach others about the acute crisis facing Native women and girls.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2018.

  
Shirley Craddick, Deputy Council President



Approved as to Form:

  
Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

## STAFF REPORT

### IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-4891, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING MAY 5, 2018 AS A DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED NATIVE WOMEN AND GIRLS

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## BACKGROUND

- American Indian and Alaska Native women are 2.5 times more likely to experience violent crimes – and at least twice as likely to experience rape or sexual assault crimes – compared to all other races, according to a 2013 National Congress of American Indian Policy Research Center report. On some reservations, Indigenous women are murdered at 10 times the national average rate.
- A 2016 National Institute of Justice–funded study revealed that a staggering 84% of Indigenous women have experienced violence in their lifetime, and 56% of Indigenous women are survivors of sexual violence.
- There remains insufficient data on the total number of missing Indigenous women in the United States or Canada because there’s been no centralized database for keeping that information.
- In 2013, the Canadian government began a national inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous women and girls, but the United States has yet to take such action.
- Metro Council has the opportunity to stand with other tribal, local, regional, state and national governments and organizations in honoring May 5, 2018 as National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls.

## ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition:** None.
2. **Legal Antecedents:** March 29, 2018: City of Portland passed a resolution to proclaim May 5, 2018 as a Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls.
3. **Anticipated Effects:** May 5, 2018 will be honored as a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls.
4. **Budget Impacts:** None.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Metro Council adopt Resolution No. 18-4891 proclaiming May 5, 2018 as National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls.