

Prepared with love and hope



TRIBALURE



MIMIWG TOOLKIT

Forever
in our
Hearts



A Message from the Founders

Tribalure cares deeply about MMIWG, their families and communities. Our empathy is genuine and heartfelt. We have both lost Aunties to this and want to do our best, within their circle of influence, to bring increased awareness. Angie is a 60's Scoop Survivor and both Denyse and Angie, have been impacted by inter-generational trauma (stemming from our parents' attendance in residential schools).

During our travels throughout Turtle Island, we are often asked for information on MMIWG and/or how people can help. We wanted to develop something tangible that we could give to those wanting more information. This is by no means an exhaustive list, nor are we the experts in this topic. We simply want to see a world where Indigenous women and girls are safe from harm and we want to do our part. Please feel free to share this toolkit with others.

In Unity, love and respect,

Denyse & Angie



MMIWG TOOLKIT

TRIGGER WARNING

Please be advised that the contents in this Toolkit may be triggering for some. Please ensure that you call the help number in this Toolkit and/or seek the help of an Elder, Traditional Healer, Mental Health Counsellor or other support system.

1-844-413-6649



HELP LINES



1-844-413-6649

IF YOU REQUIRE IMMEDIATE SUPPORT, PLEASE CONTACT THIS NATIONAL, INDEPENDENT TOLL FREE 24/7 SUPPORT LINE AT 1-844-413-6649 TO SPEAK TO A COUNSELLOR. THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH, FRENCH, CREE, ANISHNAABEMOWIN (OJIBWAY) AND INUKTITUT.



Crisis Lines for Those Affected by Gender-based Violence

If you are in an emergency situation please access 9-1-1 (in Canada), for emergency services in your area.

If you are outside the 9-1-1 service area, please access available emergency services in your area.

Northwest Territories

Northwest Territories Help Line

Phone: 1-800-661-0844

Manitoba

Domestic Violence Crisis Line, Family Violence Prevention Program

Toll-free: 1-877-977-0007

Nunavut

Nunavut Kamatsiaqtut Help Line

Local: (867) 979-3333

Toll-free: 1-800-265-3333

New Brunswick

CHIMO Helpline

Toll-free: 1-800-667-5005

Nova Scotia

Transition House Association of Nova Scotia

Toll-free: 1-855-225-0220

Ontario

Assaulted Women's Helpline

Toll-free: 1-866-863-0511

(multilingual services available)

Toll-free TTY: 1-866-863-7868

or #SAFE (#7233) on your Bell, Rogers, Fido or Telus mobile phone

Fem'aide Helpline (French only)

Telephone: 1-877-336-2433

TTY: 1-866-860-7082

Talk4Healing

(Helpline for Indigenous Women)

Toll-free: 1-855-554-4325

(multilingual services available)

Yukon

Women's Transition Home Crisis Line

Phone: 1-867-668-5733

Prince Edward Island

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services Inc.

Toll-free: 1-800-240-9894

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Québec

SOS violence conjugale

Toll-free: 1-800-363-9010
(bilingual services available)

Text: 438-601-1211

Online chat:

<https://www.resourceconnect.com/sosvc/chat>

Email: sos@sosviolenceconjugale.ca

Sexual Violence Helpline

Local line: (514) 933-9007 (Montreal)
(bilingual services available)

Toll-free: 1-888-933-9007

Alberta

Family Violence Info Line

Phone: 310-1818
(multilingual services available)

Alberta's One Line for Sexual Violence

Toll-free: 1-866-403-8000
Text: 1-866-403-8000
Email: mailbox@aasas.ca

British Columbia

Victim Link BC

Phone: 1-800-563-0808
(multilingual services available)

Saskatchewan

Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan

Phone: 211
Text: 211





Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Counselling Program

What is the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) Inquiry?

In response to calls for action from Indigenous families, communities and organizations, as well as non-governmental and international organizations, the Government of Canada launched an entirely independent National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) in September 2016. The goal of the inquiry is to examine and report on the systemic causes of all forms of violence against Indigenous women and girls in Canada by looking at patterns and underlying factors. For more information, visit the [MMIWG website](#).

What kind of support is offered to women and girls participating in the inquiry?

The MMIWG Inquiry provides supports to families at all of their scheduled hearings. In recognition that health support is needed beyond the hearings themselves, on June 5, 2018, the Government of Canada announced \$21.3 million in additional funding to expand health supports to the families of MMIWG. The proposed services include mental health, cultural, and emotional supports.

How is FNHA providing support to MMIWG?

FNHA is administering the BC portion of the \$21.3 million in additional funding announced by the Government of Canada on June 5, 2018. FNHA is providing cultural and traditional supports, as well as mental health counselling services. FNHA's MMIWG Health Support Services will be delivered through FNHA's Health Benefit team by FNHA's existing mental health provider network. All of these mental health providers have the experience and cultural safety training needed to support First Nations and Aboriginal people in BC.

When did FNHA begin offering MMIWG Health Support Services?

The additional funding to expand health supports for the families of MMIWG was announced by the Government of Canada on June 5, 2018. FNHA's MMIWG Health Support Services were launched on July 17, 2018. These services will support families until June 2020.

Am I eligible to access MMIWG Health Support Services?

To access MMIWG counselling in BC, you must be a survivor, family member, or individual affected by the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. You do not need to have status and can live on- or off-reserve.

How do I access MMIWG counselling?

If you would like access to MMIWG counselling simply contact a mental health provider registered with FNHA. This list of registered providers is current as of July 5, 2018 and is updated regularly. Once you have contacted a mental health provider, the provider will set up an appointment and work directly with FNHA's Health Benefits team to ensure that you receive coverage for the support you need.

Who do I contact if I have a question?

If you have questions about mental health providers or how to access counselling services, please contact Health Benefits' toll free number 1-877-477-0775. The team is available Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm.

How many hours of counselling are covered under MMIWG Health Support Services?

MMIWG Health Support Services covers up to 20 one-hour counselling sessions over a 12-month period, in addition to the initial assessment. Should the counsellor and client identify the need for additional counselling, a new Prior Approval Form can be submitted for additional sessions.

Do I need to register with FNHA to access MMIWG counselling?

No, you do not need to register with FNHA to access counselling through the MMIWG Health Support Services. If you have questions about how to access counselling services, please contact Health Benefits' toll free number 1-877-477-0775. The team is available Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm.

Can I access more than one FNHA mental health counselling program at the same time?

All of our counselling programs use the same list of registered mental health providers, so there is no need to access more than one mental health program at the same time. If you have any questions about FNHA mental health benefits, please contact Health Benefits' toll free number 1-877-477-0775.

Can I access a dedicated help line?

Yes, if you are affected by MMIWG, are in distress, and require immediate emotional assistance you can call the National 24/7 MMIWG crisis line at 1-844-413-6649.

1-844-762-8483

STRONG HEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE AND THE NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE ARE AVAILABLE 24/7 TO LISTEN. ALL CONVERSATIONS OVER PHONE, TEXT, AND ONLINE CHAT ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND ANONYMOUS.

STRONG HEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE - 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) IS A 24/7 SAFE, CONFIDENTIAL, AND ANONYMOUS DOMESTIC, DATING AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE HELPLINE FOR AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES, OFFERING CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY.

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE - 1-888-373-7888, TEXT "BEFREE" (233733), OR LIVE CHAT AT HUMANTRAFFICKINGHOTLINE.ORG





MISSING OR MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

BRINGING LOVED ONES HOME

Generations of American Indians and Alaska Natives have mourned missing and murdered loved ones. Their calls for justice and healing through grassroots activism and advocacy have created nationwide attention and increased support for this Missing or Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) crisis.

Community Awareness

Tribal communities and tribal organizations have been calling for change. Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW), Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR), or other names specific to a tribal community (such as Missing and Murdered Diné Relatives, MMDR, in the Navajo Nation) all refer to this crisis and have resulted in increased attention and support for MMIP.

Federal Response

New federal laws such as the [reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act](#) (March 2022) and [Savanna's Act](#) (October 2020) are changing law enforcement and justice protocols to better respond to MMIP. State MMIP taskforces and [Operation Lady Justice](#), the federal MMIP taskforce, are bringing together multi-disciplinary teams to improve MMIP coordination and address complex jurisdictional challenges.

The [National Missing and Unidentified Persons System](#) (NamUs) provides technology, forensic services, and investigative support to MMIP cases (namus.nij.ojp.gov).

“When something happens, we’re going to respond, and we’re going to report it. We’re going to stand up and say that it is not okay.”

Ingrid Cumberlidge, Aleut and Tlingit
MMIP Coordinator, U.S. Attorney’s
Office for the District of Alaska

Federal Funding

[Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside \(TVSSA\)](#) funds can be used to—

- Increase MMIP community awareness.
- Develop MMIP response protocols between multiple agencies and organizations.
 - Offer education on the intersections of MMIP with other crimes (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking).
- Promote available healing services for families and survivors.

TVSSA funding is non-competitive. For more details about the types of victim service activities that can be supported through this TVSSA program, [see the fiscal year 2022 TVSSA Program Announcement](#).

Visit [Operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov](https://operationladyjustice.usdoj.gov) for other federal funding opportunities that tribes and other organizations may be able to use to address MMIP.

Resources

- [Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons](#)
- [Operation Lady Justice](#)
- [The Human Trafficking Capacity Building Center](#)
- [When a Loved One Goes Missing Family Guide](#)
- [Missing Person Clearinghouses](#) in each state
- [National Missing and Unidentified Persons System](#)



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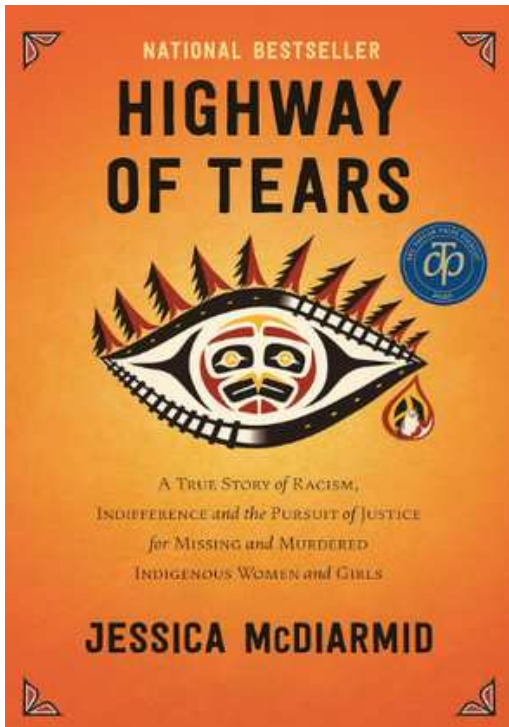


UNBROKEN



Angela Sterritt
Prince George, BC

<https://www.amazon.ca/Unbroken-Fight-Survival-Justice-Indigenous/dp/1771648163>



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AND THE HUBERT EVANS PRIZE AND A NATIONAL BESTSELLER.



KATHERINE IS A WRITER AND GRAPHIC DESIGNER OF MI'KMAQ AND IRISH DESCENT.

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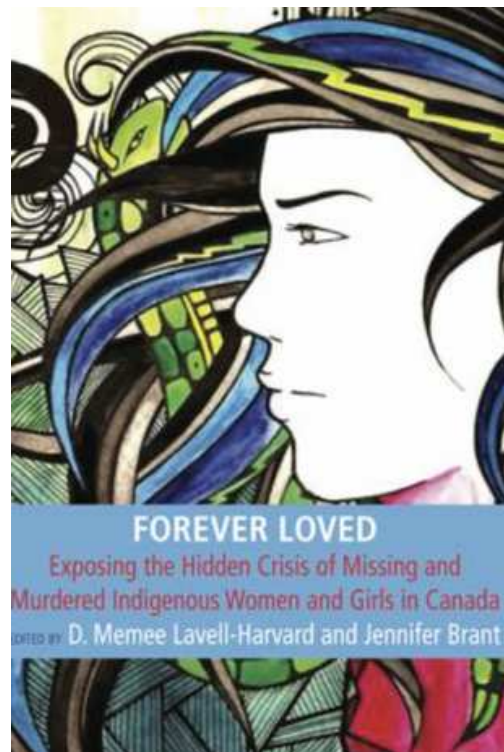
Our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Sisters



KIM ANDERSON, MARIA CAMPBELL & CHRISTI BELCOURT, Editors

IN KEETSAHNAK / OUR MURDERED AND MISSING INDIGENOUS SISTERS, THE TENSION BETWEEN PERSONAL, POLITICAL, AND PUBLIC ACTION IS BROUGHT HOME STARKLY AS THE CONTRIBUTORS LOOK AT THE ROOTS OF VIOLENCE AND HOW IT DIMINISHES LIFE FOR ALL.

THROUGH STORIES OF RESILIENCE, RESISTANCE, AND ACTIVISM, THE EDITORS GIVE VOICE TO POWERFUL PERSONAL TESTIMONY AND ALLOW FOR THE CREATION OF KNOWLEDGE. IT'S IN ALL OF OUR BEST INTERESTS TO TAKE ON GENDER VIOLENCE AS A CORE RESURGENCE PROJECT, A CORE DECOLONIZATION PROJECT, A CORE OF INDIGENOUS NATION BUILDING, AND AS THE BACKBONE OF ANY INDIGENOUS MOBILIZATION.



THE HIDDEN CRISIS OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS IN CANADA IS BOTH A NATIONAL TRAGEDY AND A NATIONAL SHAME. IN THIS GROUND-BREAKING NEW VOLUME, AS PART OF THEIR LARGER EFFORTS TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE SHOCKINGLY HIGH RATES OF VIOLENCE AGAINST OUR SISTERS, JENNIFER BRANT AND D. MEMEE LAVELL-HARVARD HAVE PULLED TOGETHER A VARIETY OF VOICES FROM THE ACADEMIC REALMS TO THE GRASSROOTS AND FRONT-LINES TO SPEAK ON WHAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BY BOTH THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE UNITED NATIONS AS A GRAVE VIOLATION OF THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS OF ABORIGINAL WOMEN AND GIRLS.

<https://www.amazon.ca/Forever-Loved-Exposing-Murdered-Indigenous/dp/1772580201>



NOTES



On May 24, 2023, the Vancouver Public Library hosted a conversation with author Angela Sterritt and reporter Tina House about Angela's new book Unbroken.



<https://www.youtube.com>

**NWAC President, Lorraine Whitman
(Red Dress Day**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNgeT-OQTq0>



**WE ARE MORE THAN MURDERED AND MISSING.
TAMARA BERNARD | TEDXTHUNDERBAY**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyILSRQ5kx8>

**MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN & GIRLS, A
CANADIAN RESPONSIBILITY
SOPHIE KIWALA | TEDXQUEENSU**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpKa54RcfnE>



REPORTS



MMIWG

Calls for Justice

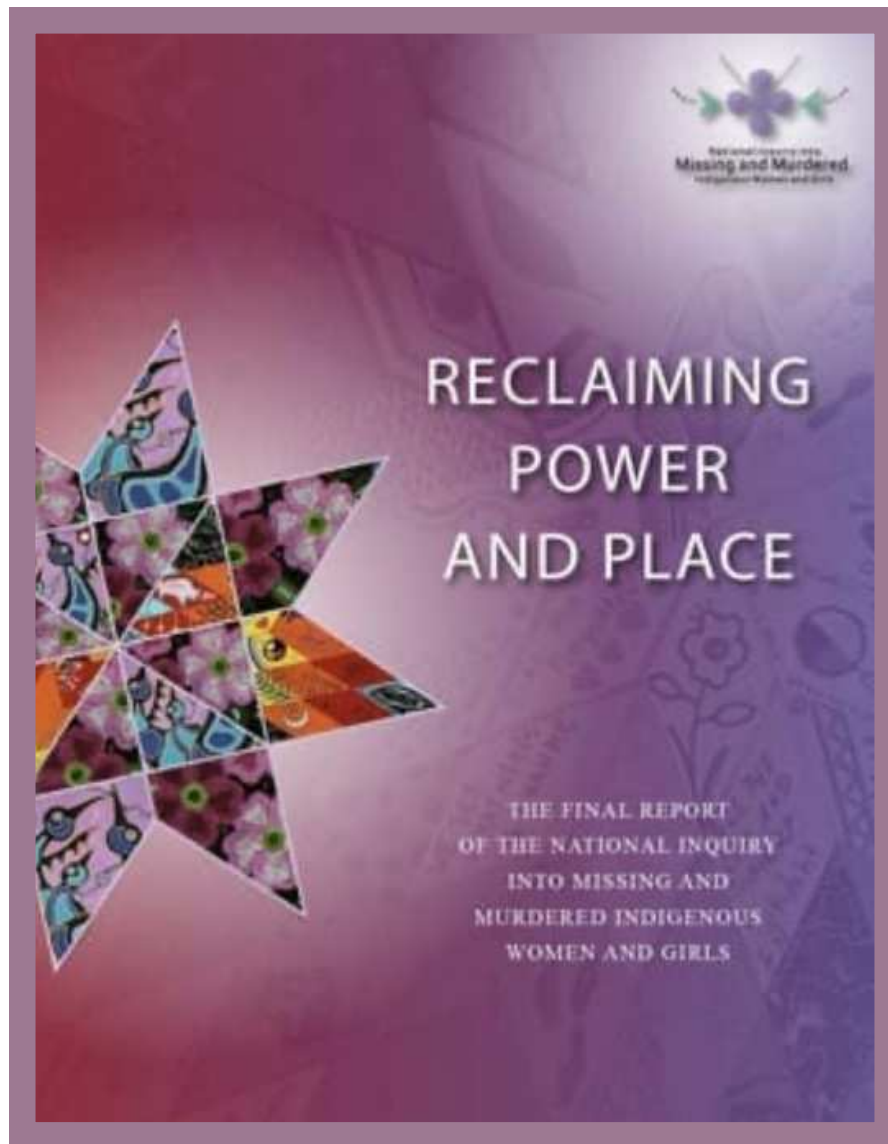


Native Women's
Association of Canada

L'Association des
femmes autochtones
du Canada

Get your copy at: nwac.ca

National Inquiry-Final Report



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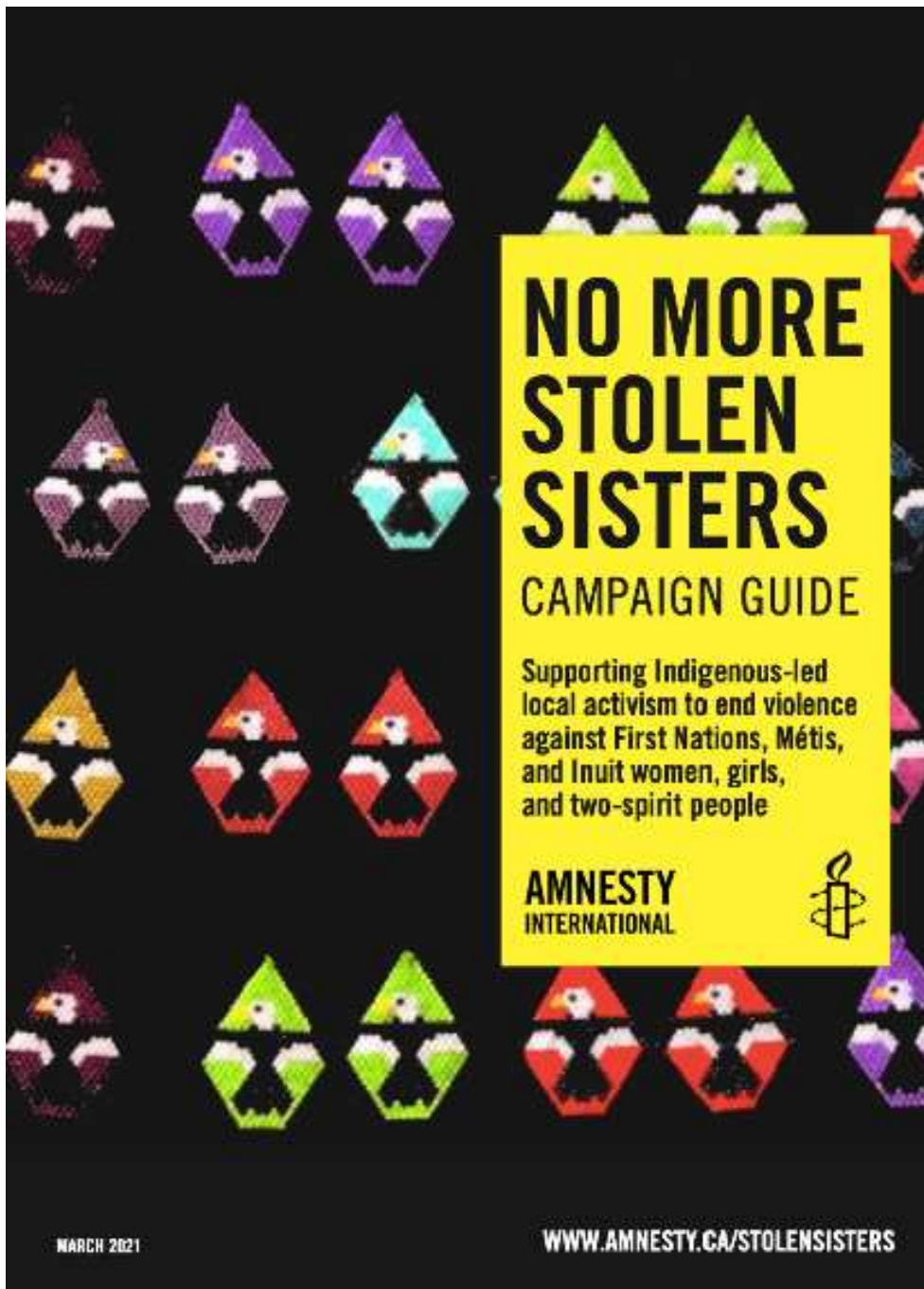
<http://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/>

Native Women's Association of Canada



https://nwac.ca/assets-documents/NWAC_ANNUAL_SCORECARD_ACTIONPLAN_2022-23_2023-06-01-030531_wlxm.pdf





<https://amnesty.ca/what-we-do/no-more-stolen-sisters/stolen-sisters-indigenous-women-and-resource-development/>





Voices of Our Sisters In Spirit:

A Report to Families and Communities

**2nd Edition
March 2009**



Sisters In Spirit is a research, education and policy initiative of the **Native Women's Association of Canada.**

https://www.nwac.ca/assets-knowledge-centre/NWAC_Voices-of-Our-Sisters-In-Spirit_2nd-Edition_March-2009.pdf

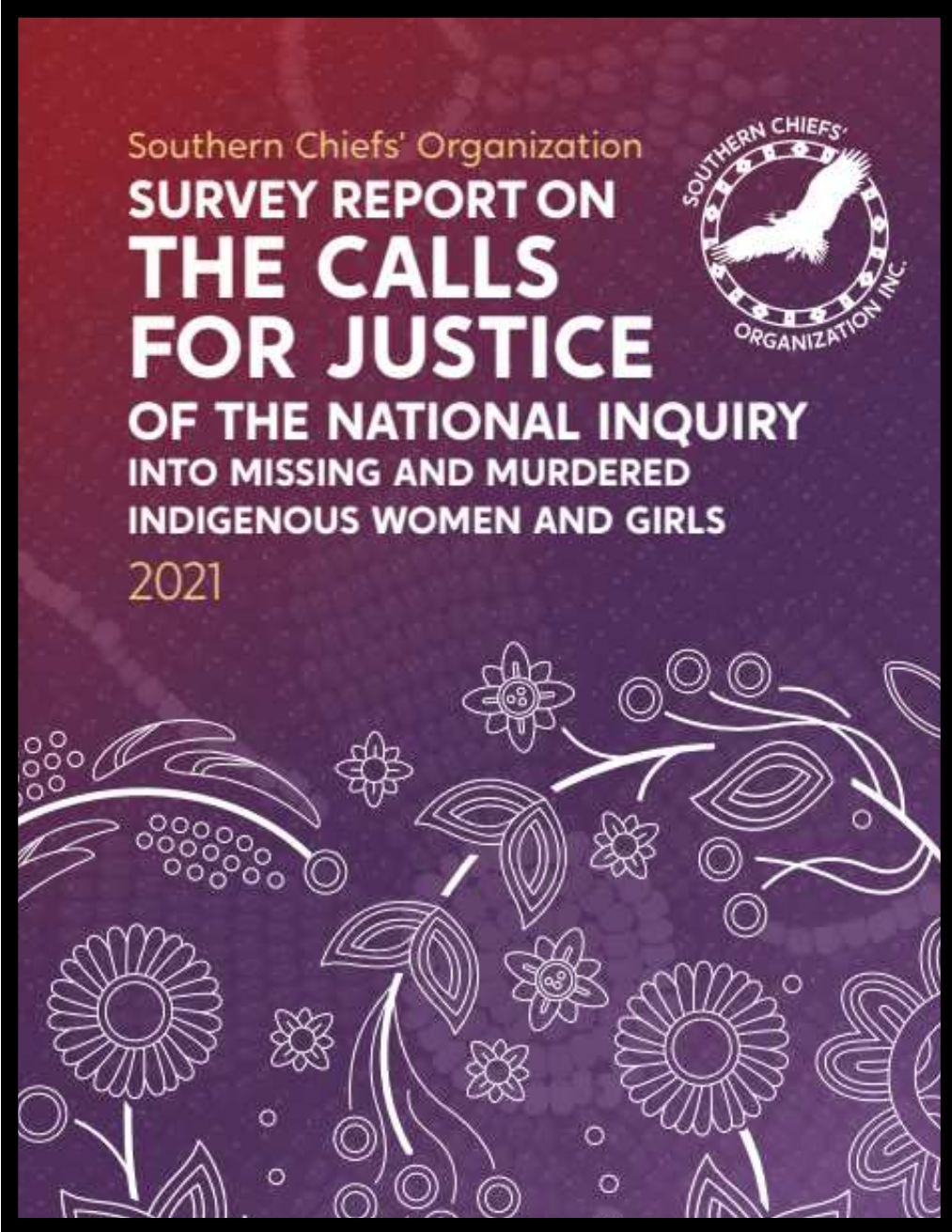


Southern Chiefs' Organization

**SURVEY REPORT ON
THE CALLS
FOR JUSTICE**

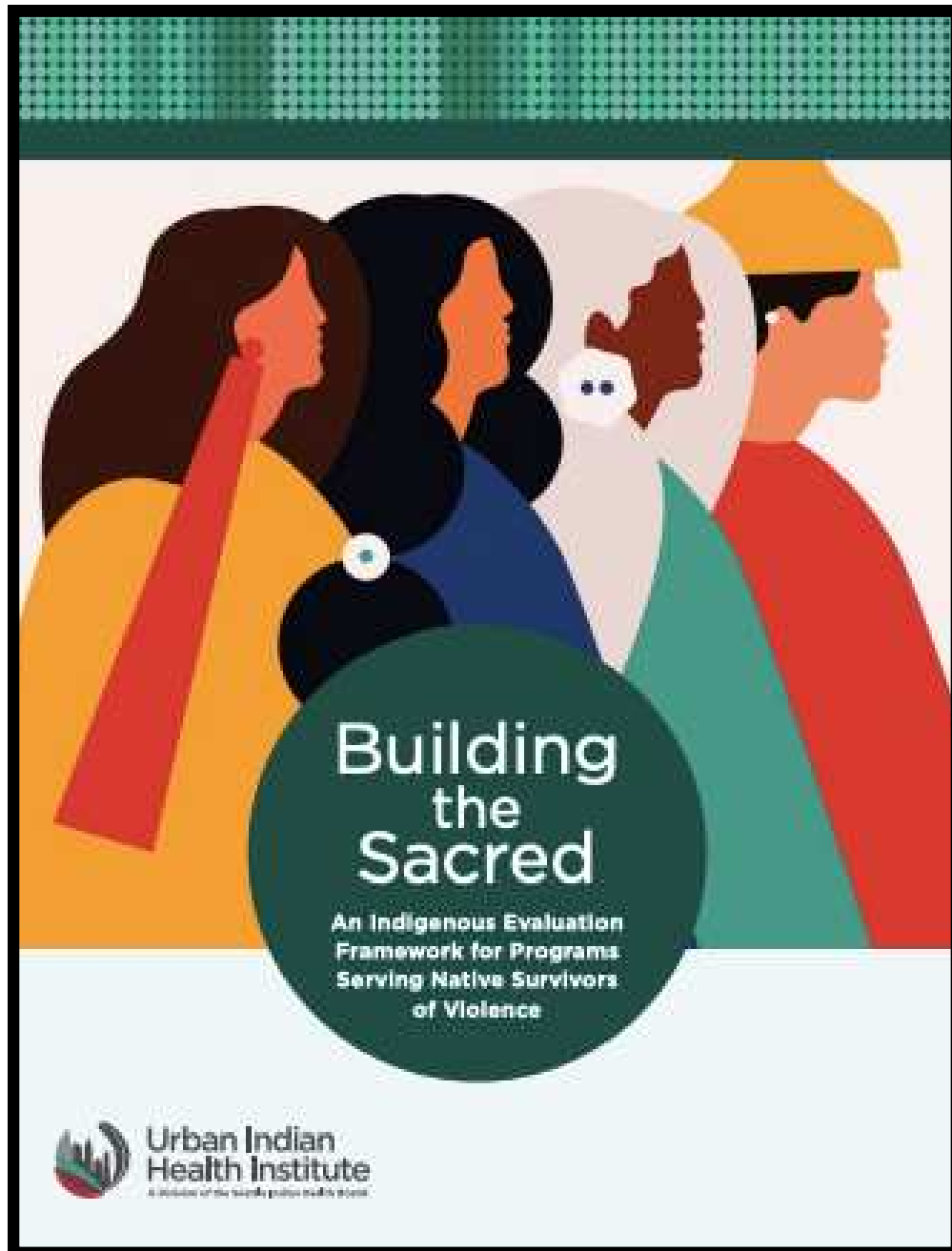
**OF THE NATIONAL INQUIRY
INTO MISSING AND MURDERED
INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS**

2021



<https://scoinc.mb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/SCO-MMIWG-Report-Final.pdf>





<https://www.uihi.org/resources/building-the-sacred-an-indigenous-evaluation-framework-for-programs-serving-native-survivors-of-violence/>



WEBSITES



Missing & Murdered

Unsolved cases of indigenous women and girls



CBC NEWS


www.cbc.ca/missingandmurdered/

Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women

The unsolved cases of Canada's missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls.



cbcnews

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National Inquiry into
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mmiwg-ffada.ca/media/



NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

Website: www.nwac.ca

ONTARIO NATIVE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Website: www.onwa.ca/learning-resources-mmiwg

ASSEMBLY OF FIRST NATIONS (AFN)

Website: www.afn.ca

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Website: www.amnesty.ca

TEARS TO HOPE SOCIETY

Website: www.tearstohopesociety.com

MENDING THE SACRED HOOP

Website: www.mshoop.org

OUR BODIES, OUR STORIES (WASHINGTON STATE)

Website: www.uihi.org/our-bodies-our-stories/



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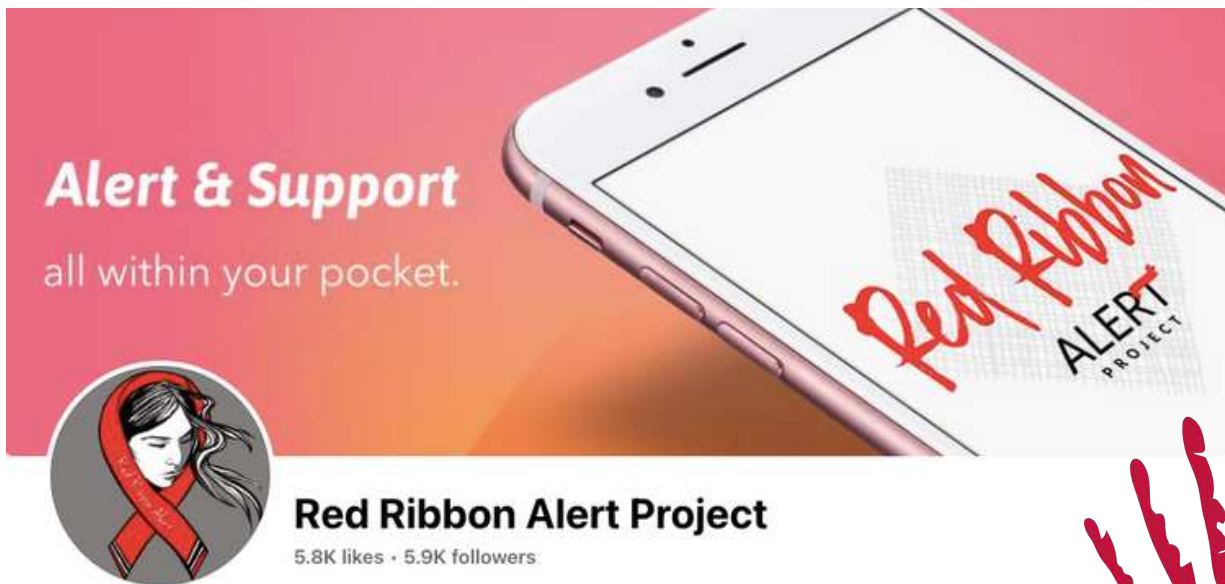
Website: facebook.com/fsismmiwg2s/



RED RIBBON ALERT PROJECT (APP)



Website: facebook.com/RRAlert



MENDING THE SACRED HOOP - BROCHURES FOR DOWNLOAD

Website: mshoop.org/brochures/

Mending the Sacred Hoop TA Project has designed 8 DV Tactics brochures. Each brochure illustrates a tactic from the Power and Control Wheel. Readers learn how the use of such Power and Control tactics as intimidation, isolation, emotional abuse, economic abuse, or using children might look in a relationship

<p>What does it look like to intimidate and control a relationship?</p> <p>USING INTIMIDATION</p>	<p>What does it look like to harm someone's self-esteem?</p> <p>USING EMOTIONAL ABUSE</p>	<p>What does it look like to separate and control a relationship?</p> <p>USING ISOLATION</p>	<p>What does it look like to distort and control a relationship?</p> <p>MINIMIZING, DENYING AND BLAMING</p>
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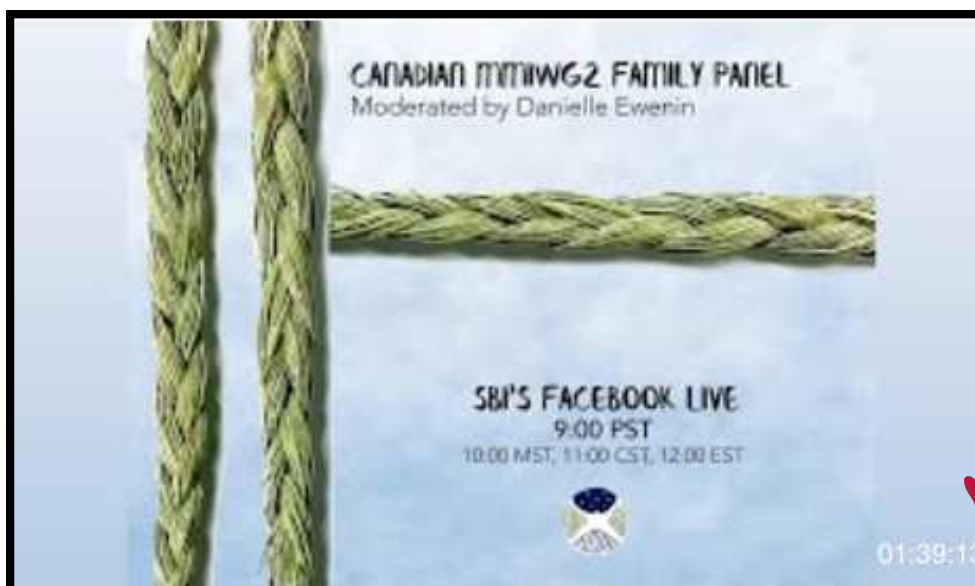
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Sovereign Bodies Institute

Justice for Southeastern Montana MMIP Part 2

According to the Montana DOJ, Indigenous Peoples in Montana are four times more likely than others to go missing. Our lives,...



ORGANIZATIONS
CANADA





TEARS TO HOPE

www.tearstohopesociety.com



British Columbia, Canada



NATIONAL FAMILY AND SURVIVORS CIRCLE

Nothing About Us, Without Us

www.familyurvivorscircle.ca



ORGANIZATIONS

UNITED STATES





www.niwrc.org.com

<https://www.niwrc.org/resources/special-collection/special-collection-mmiwg>

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(CHEYENNE) PEOPLE. THE CHEYENNE PEOPLE AND
CULTURAL LIFEWAYS ARE BEAUTIFUL AND THRIVING HERE.**

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SPEAKER



SPEAKERS LIST

**If you know of any Speakers on
the topic of MMIWG, please let
us know as we would love to
expand this list.**

MEEGWETCH/THANK YOU!





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**FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS CONTACT US AT:
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IMPORTANT DATES





Forever in our Hearts



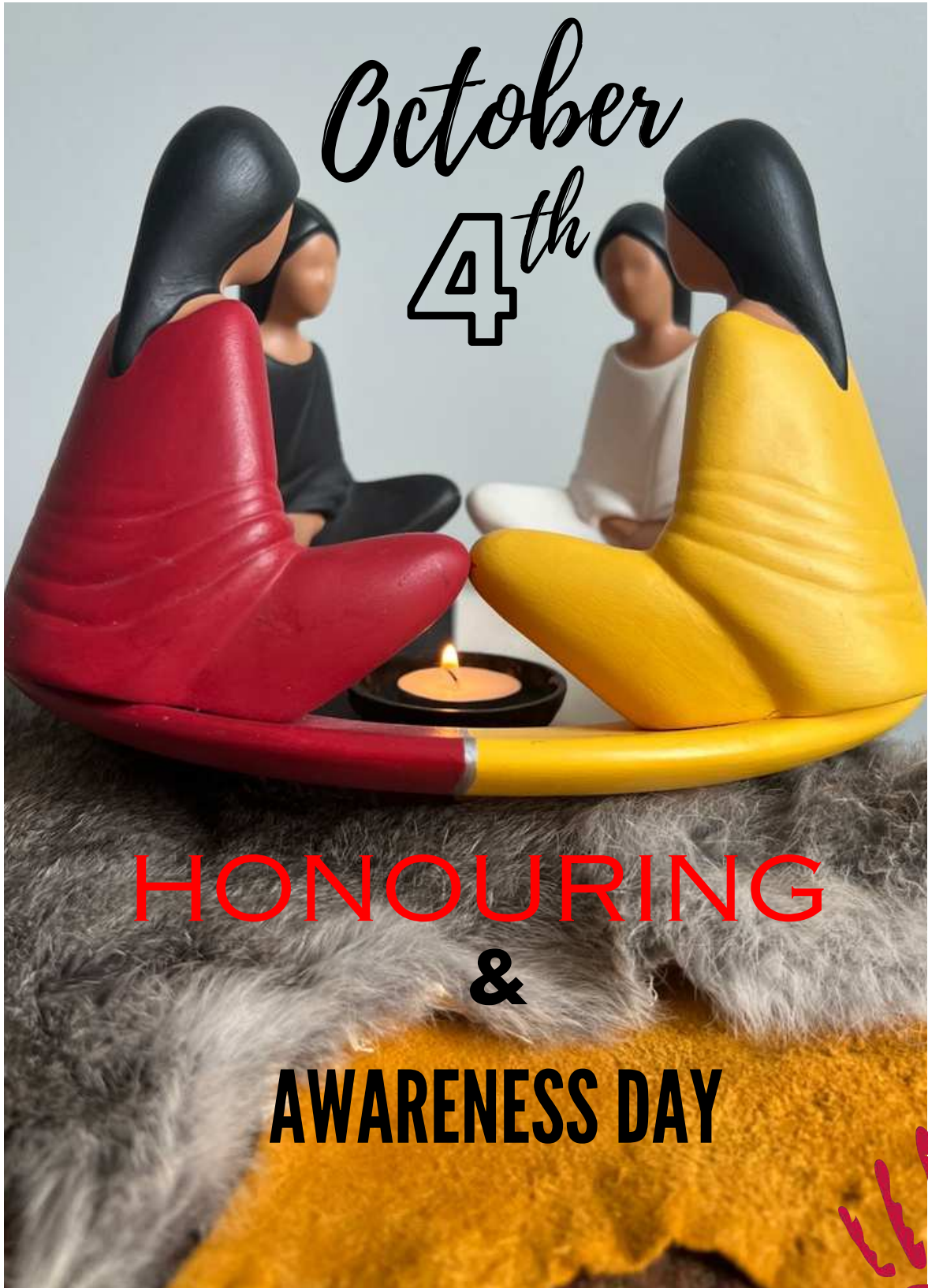
MMIWG
National Awareness Day



May **5th**



October
4th



**HONOURING
&**

AWARENESS DAY



SEPTEMBER 30

NATIONAL DAY

**TRUTH &
RECONCILIATION**



TRIBALURZ



Red Feature Kit



Sisterhood Watch



A PLEDGE HONOURING

MMIWG

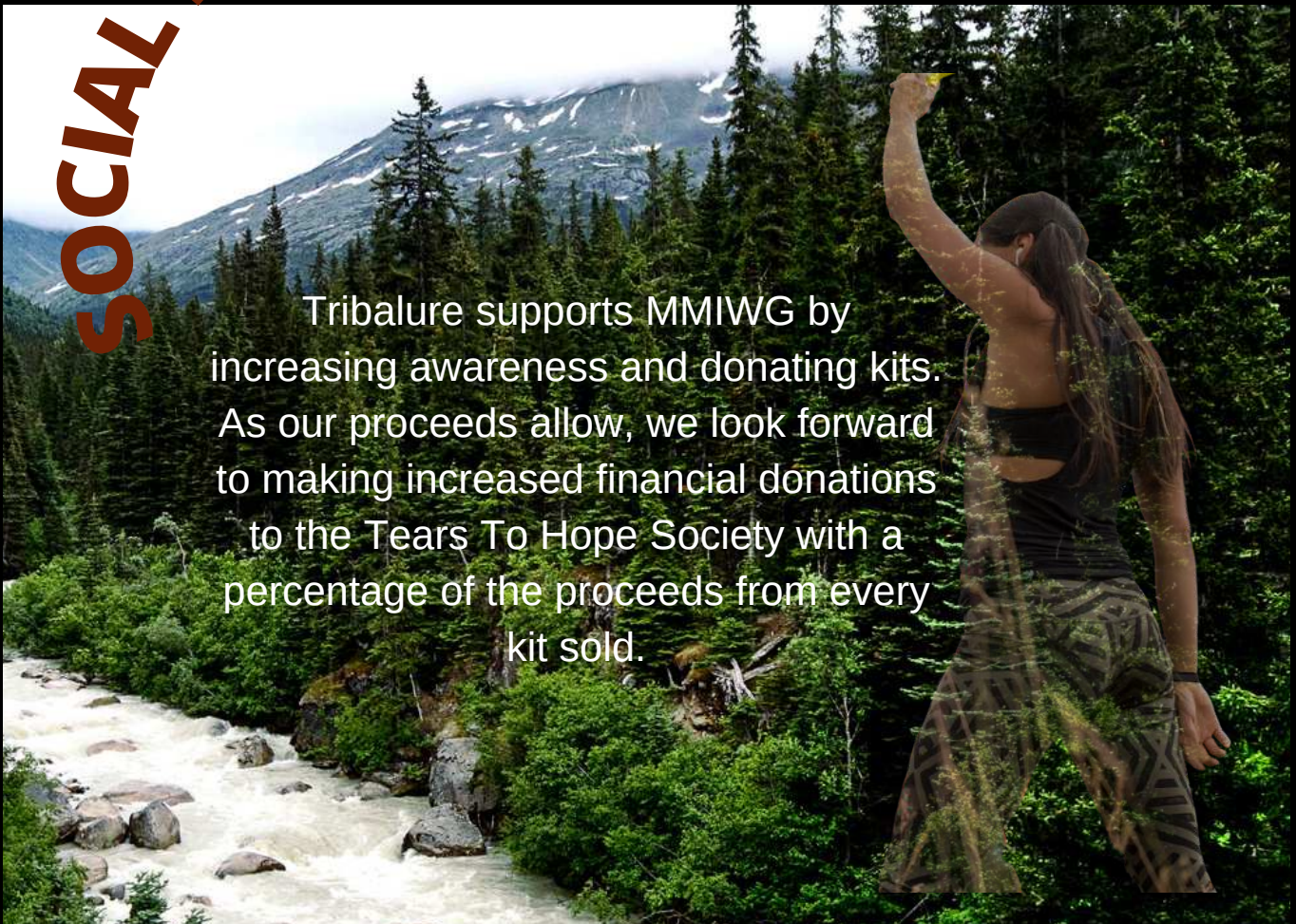


In remembrance of every Indigenous woman and girl that we have lost. Our hearts are with you.

Tribalure's red kit is a symbol of **love**, **hope**, **courage**, **empowerment** and **protection** of all women and girls. Through sisterhood, we pledge to do what we can to keep an eye out for the increased safety of women and girls everywhere.

SOCIAL IMPACT

www.tribalure.com



Tribalure supports MMIWG by increasing awareness and donating kits. As our proceeds allow, we look forward to making increased financial donations to the Tears To Hope Society with a percentage of the proceeds from every kit sold.



Tribalure's Red Feature Kit





*Sending
Love and
Light to
each and
everyone of
you!*



WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?



Educate yourself and others, share this toolkit



Forward posts on missing persons immediately



Keep a watchful eye out for one another



Donate to organizations such as the Tears To Hope Society so they can continue supporting those affected



A vibrant red dress and a black, white, and red patterned scarf are hanging from a dark tree branch. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with a stream and trees. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

*Accepting
the truth
gives us the
power to
change.*



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