



SPOTLIGHT ALASKA and the CRISIS OF MMIWG

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Welcome & Introductions

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Data for Indigenous Justice

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UvaNa Charlene Apok,
Inupiaqsisga Aqpik



ChinikmiuguruNa, suli
NatcharvikmuiguruNa.



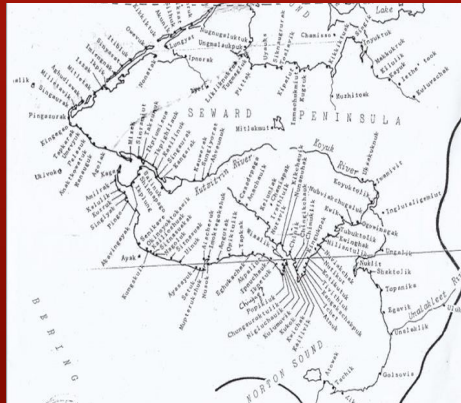
AakaGa Sandra 'Baby
Lu' Apok



Igniga Evan Lukluan

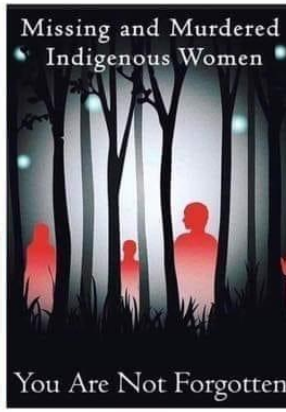


Uqautilunga Inupiatun!



Kingikmuit ...PiyumnaqtuNa





Indigenous Leadership

Jody Potts



Abigail Echo-Hawk



Dr. Malia Villegas



Data for Indigenous Purpose

- To serve our Indigenous communities by working for and with them towards justice and healing through systemic change and advocacy regarding missing and murdered Indigenous persons;
- To protect and care for our stories through stewarding qualitative and quantitative data with respect;
- To strategically utilize our stories found in qualitative and quantitative data to benefit the wellbeing of our Indigenous people through efforts that educate and advocate for systematic change; and
- To honor our ancestors' past and future with guidance from Indigenous values and teachings; applied through respectful, self-determined, and sovereign research and reporting.

MMIWG2S Alaska Working Group:



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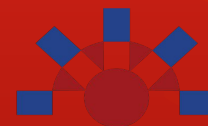
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**Urban Indian
Health Institute**

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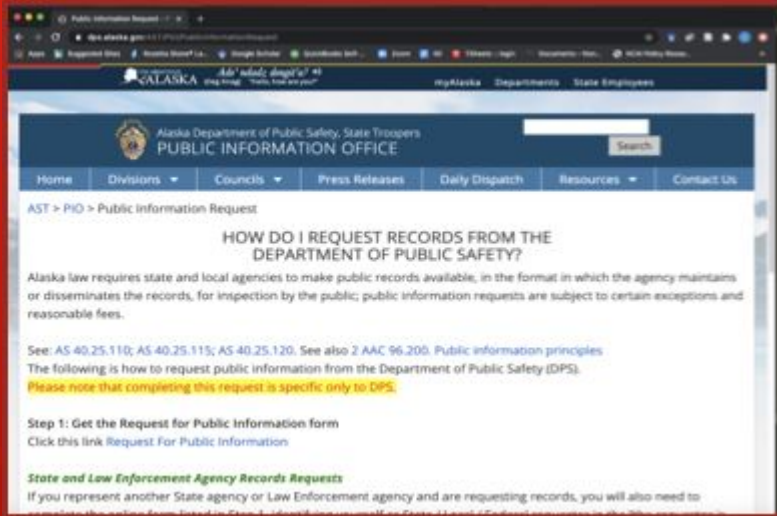
**National
Congress of
American
Indians**

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Our Stories, Our Sisters, Our Strength



We address MMIWG from a place of healing with our community. We demand justice on all fronts.

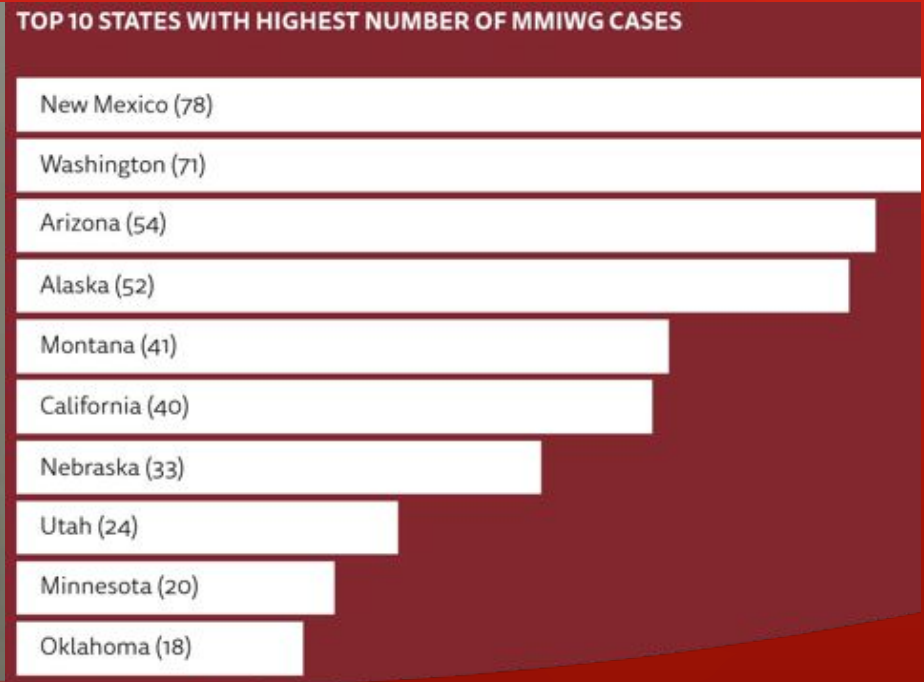
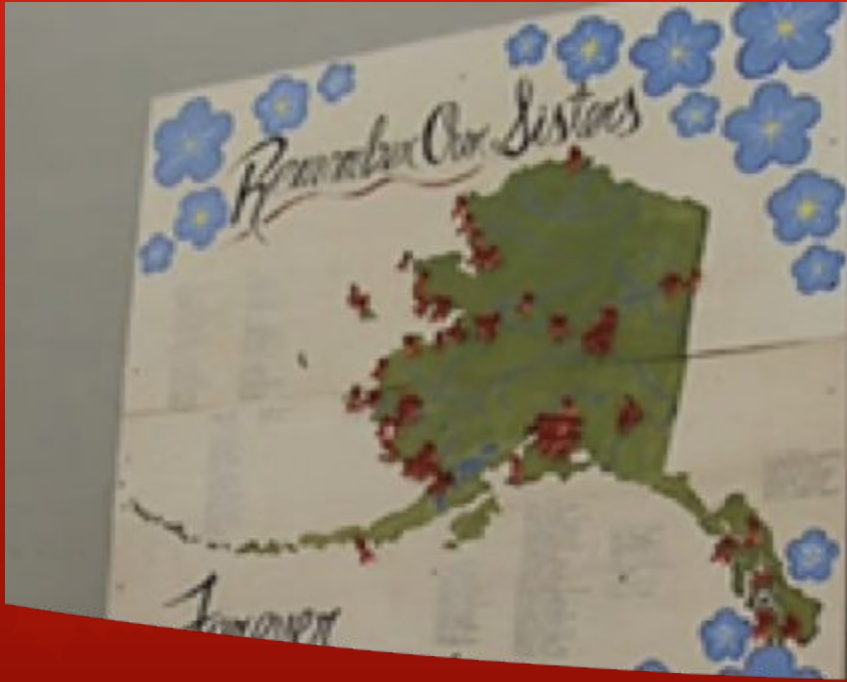
Reclaiming Data



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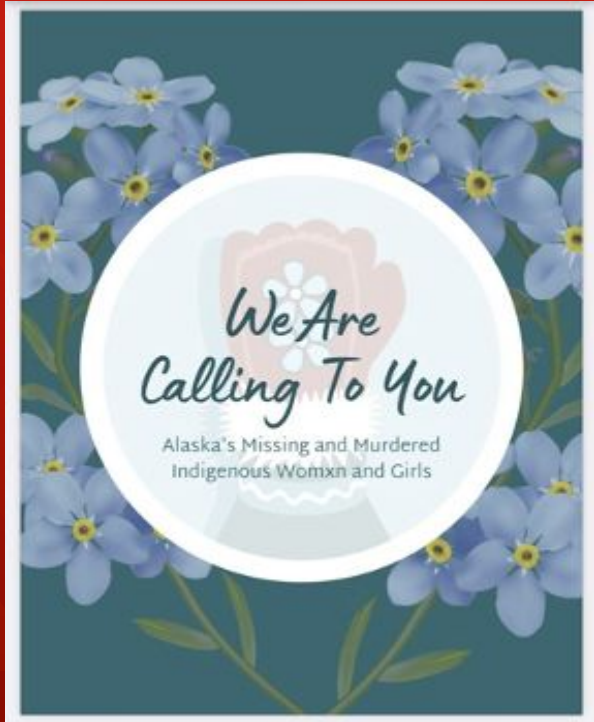
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- White
- Black or African-American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian



Where does Alaska stand?

First Alaska-specific MMIWG Report



February 2021



**DECOLONIZING DATA.
DATA SOVEREIGNTY.**



Quyanaqpak!

Questions?

Comments?

THIS IS WHY WE WEAR RED

Forever in our hearts our Missing and Murdered Sisters

Murder is the 3rd leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women. 13% are shown to be tied to domestic and sexual violence.

- UIHI Missing and murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Report

We know this data is incomplete.



WE WILL BE SILENT NO MORE



AKNWRC Toolkit and First Steps

Take immediate action

Report missing as soon as possible

Find a current picture and identifying marks

Establish when last seen and who with



Communication is Vital

Designate one or two people -- point of contact

Centralize information

Document all information

Establish a timeline

Talk to law enforcement



Develop a community plan



- Identify local resources and people
- Have a list of names and phone numbers
- Know who can help with a search
- Identify someone you trust to handle social media posts
- Designate the key spokesperson for LE and press

Contact Information



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Questions