



**RESOLUTION**

**T-086-17**

**WHEREAS**, the Yakama Nation is a federally recognized Nation pursuant to the Treaty of 1855 (12 Stat. 951), and

**WHEREAS**, the Yakama Tribal Council is the governing body of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation of the Yakama Reservation by the authority delegated by the Resolution of 1944 and Resolution T-38-56, and

**WHEREAS**, the Yakama Tribal Council has the duty and responsibility according to the Resolution T-38-56 and T-10-61 to protect and preserve the Treaty Rights of the Yakama Nation, and

**WHEREAS**, Native Women and Girls are the life givers, the culture bearers, and the caretakers of Native peoples, and their interests must be protected a both the local and the national level, and

**WHEREAS**, Native Women and Girls experience violence at a higher rate than should be expected given their representation in the United States population, and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Justice reports that the rate of violent victimization among Native Woman and Girls is more double than among all women, with disappearance and murder representing the end result of this spectrum of violence, and

**WHEREAS**, the disappearance and murder of Native Women and Girls is the legacy of domination and dehumanization of Native peoples, resulting from the colonization of our nations and contributing to the epidemic of violence that Native peoples experience from birth to death, and

**WHEREAS**, the harsh reality of our lives as Native peoples is that despite our witnessing the disappearance and murder of our sisters, mothers and daughters, the Yakama Nation has received no support from the federal level to address this crisis, once again demonstrating the United States' systemic failure to fulfill its promises and meet its trust obligations, and

**WHEREAS**, the Yakama Nation recognizes that before this crisis will be sufficiently addressed, it must first be acknowledged, voice must be given to the voiceless, light must be shed on the countless tragedies afflicting our Native peoples, and the lives of missing and murdered Native Women and Girls must be commemorated.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Yakama Tribal Council, meeting in Regular Session at the Governmental Headquarters of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, with a quorum being present, that the Yakama Nation turns our grief into action and hereby designates the fifth day of May as the “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls”.

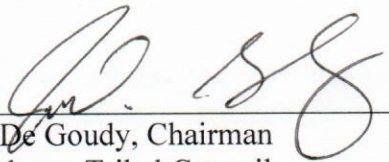
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Yakama Nation is calling on all those concerned for the safety of Native Women and Girls to organize at the local, national, and international levels to support the “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls”.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Yakama Nation hereby resolves to advocate for action to address the crisis of missing and murdered Native Women and Girls by directing the federal government and its agencies to:

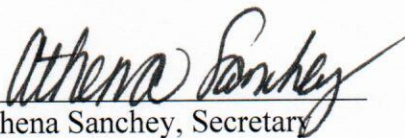
1. Review, revise, and create law enforcement and justice protocols appropriate to deal with the disappearance of Native Women and Girls, and resolve inter-jurisdictional issues, and including a local, regional and national unsolved Native Women database for review by the public; and
2. Provide increased victim services to the families and community members of the disappeared or murdered Native Women and Girls such as counseling for the children of the disappeared and burial assistance; and
3. Coordinate efforts across federal departments to improve the response to the disappearance or murder of Native Women and Girls; and
4. Provide necessary resources so the Yakama Nation may respond to our own immediate crisis in this area; and
5. Coordinate, in consultation with the Yakama Nation, efforts to increase the response of state governments, where appropriate, to cases of disappearance or murder of Native Women or Girls.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Yakama Nation does not waive, alter, or otherwise diminish our Sovereign Immunity, whether expressed or implied, by virtue of this resolution for any and all administrative or legal action which may arise directly or indirectly from the same, nor does the Yakama Nation waive, alter, or otherwise diminish our rights, privilege, remedies or services guaranteed by the Treaty of 1855.

**DONE AND DATED** on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017 by the Yakama Tribal Council by a vote of 11 for, 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
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Jode Goudy, Chairman  
Yakama Tribal Council

**ATTEST:**

  
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Athena Sanchey, Secretary  
Yakama Tribal Council

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