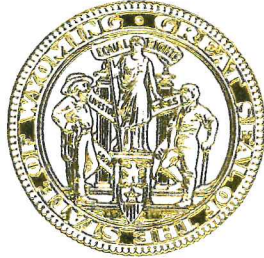


Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, since 2017, the national movement to end violence against Native women has organized activities supporting May 5th as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls; and

WHEREAS, the current reports of abduction and murder of Native women and girls are alarming and represent one of the most horrific aspects of the spectrum of violence committed against Native women; and

WHEREAS, the murder rate of Native women is more than ten times the national average on some reservations; and

WHEREAS, these disappearances or murders are often connected to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking. The intersection of gender-based violence and MMIWG is heavily intertwined; and

WHEREAS, Native women continue to disappear, and many have been murdered. The issues surrounding missing and murdered Native women must continue to be elevated beyond public awareness for action and increased accountability of the justice systems; and

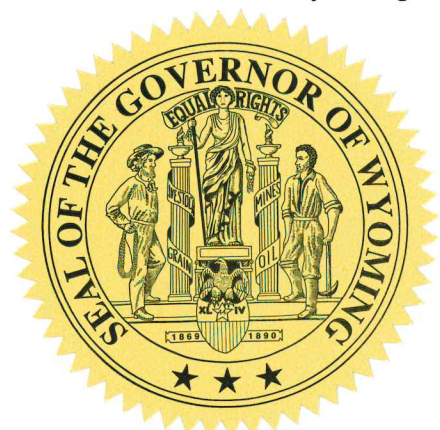
WHEREAS, a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls will honor the lives of our Native sisters, and continue to shed light on the countless tragedies involving Native women.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK GORDON, Governor of the State of Wyoming, do hereby proclaim May 5th, 2023

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in Wyoming, and call on all our citizens to highlight the need for ongoing grassroots advocacy and organizing for change of laws, policies, protocols, and allocation of increased resources at the tribal, federal, and state levels to end these injustices, and create the sharing of information needed to understand the legal reforms and changes required.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Executive Seal of the Governor of Wyoming to be affixed this 27th day of April, 2023.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Gordon".

The Honorable Mark Gordon
33rd Governor of the Great State of Wyoming