

# New film – *An Indigenous Response to #MeToo* – is engaging conversation starter to break silence, lean into culturally based solutions

SYRACUSE, N.Y. – *An Indigenous Response to #MeToo* is a new half-hour *Rematriation Magazine* film featuring a group of cultural change-makers from Haudenosaunee Six Nations territories and the Guachichil de La Gran Chichimeca. The film's purpose is to share a culturally grounded and relevant response to address the #MeToo movement in indigenous communities, to start group conversations and to lean into culturally based solutions.

Recently, more than 70 indigenous people from across Haudenosaunee territories and communities around the world met for the 2018 launch of *Rematriation Magazine* – “*Returning the Sacred to the Mother*” at the Syracuse University S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

*Rematriation Magazine*, an indigenous women's online publication, will include feature stories, videos, podcasts, interactives and other multi-media offerings focusing on topics important to indigenous women.

During the meeting, the women and men also discussed the #MeToo movement and how it has differed in indigenous communities across Turtle Island from the mainstream. *An Indigenous Response to #MeToo* was a result of this discussion.

“The #MeToo movement has taken the country by storm and this is why I asked

a group of indigenous people to come together to discuss what is – and what is not – going on so that we can extend the conversation into our communities and take control of the narrative,” said Michelle Schenandoah, CEO and editor-in-chief of *Rematriation Magazine*. “We are not part of the mainstream society; yet knowing how pervasive sexual abuse is in our communities, this film provides a backdrop to explore this issue in our own way.”

“The mainstream trend has been to outcast prominent men accused of sexual harassment, but what does #MeToo look like for indigenous people?” asked Schenandoah. “There is no recourse for both men and women in the mainstream and there really hasn't been much direction beyond this point for the movement. As indigenous people, we've been working to address sexual abuse a lot longer than in the mainstream.”

“This film is intended to start group conversations within our indigenous communities. We highlight examples of women and men who've created change by leaning into traditional teachings and ceremonies – and the impacts have been profound,” said Schenandoah. “Acceptance of the mainstream does not have to be our response; it's not the healthiest option for our communities and we have our culture to help guide us.”

“*An Indigenous Response to #MeToo* makes an important, vital and timely contribution to the conversation on sexual and other forms of gender violence,” said Hayley Marama Cavino, Ph.D. (Māori: Ngāti Pūkenga/Ngāti Whitikaupēka), professor of Native American and Indigenous Studies at Syracuse University (the film premiered on April 3 in Cavino's Indigenous Women's Lives class at the university).

“I was particularly struck by the assertion that our communities have long grappled with these issues, as well as how proximate we are to them – a particularly poignant moment in the film comes when one of the participants points out that we are talking about the behavior of fathers and brothers and relatives,” said Cavino.

“One of our elders at home – Merana Pitman – says that when you violate women and children you violate everyone, including yourself, because of the ways we are interconnected through genealogy,” said Cavino. “Sexual violence is never – for us – only about what happens to the individual, but rather is an assault against the blood – against our ancestors, our children to come and all with whom we are connected in present time and place.”

*Rematriation Magazine* sponsored this film for free-of-charge viewing by indigenous nations, organizations, health care providers, educators, community members and those interested in joining the conversation. You can access *An Indigenous Response to #MeToo* on Vimeo. To support similar projects, *Rematriation* is

accepting online contributions at [rematriation.com/donate](http://rematriation.com/donate). The producers are also available for community screenings with discussions.

The film was produced by Indigenous Concepts Consulting for *Rematriation Magazine*. Executive Producer is Michelle Schenandoah, co-producer is Neal Powless and director is Katsitsionni Fox. The film features an all-indigenous cast of community leaders and includes music by Joanne Schenandoah and *The Women's Power Song* written by the Akwesasne Women Singers.

For more information about the film or to book screenings with discussions in your community, contact Schenandoah at [together@rematriation.com](mailto:together@rematriation.com) or 315-925-7191.

## Links

Video: [vimeo.com/261177660](https://vimeo.com/261177660) Password: Rematriation

How it has differed in indigenous communities: [medium.com/@Daazhrai/whats-missing-from-metoo-and-timesup-one-indigenous-woman-s-perspective-14a8d9d8cecd](https://medium.com/@Daazhrai/whats-missing-from-metoo-and-timesup-one-indigenous-woman-s-perspective-14a8d9d8cecd)

What #MeToo looks like for indigenous people: [hmedium.com/athena-talks/sherman-alexie-and-the-sexual-assault-legacy-of-federal-native-american-boarding-schools-f460e796e241](https://hmedium.com/athena-talks/sherman-alexie-and-the-sexual-assault-legacy-of-federal-native-american-boarding-schools-f460e796e241)

We've been working on this a lot longer: [impact.vice.com/en\\_us/article/evbeg7/native-american-women-have-been-saying-a-lot-more-than-metoo-for-years](https://impact.vice.com/en_us/article/evbeg7/native-american-women-have-been-saying-a-lot-more-than-metoo-for-years)

## Siletz Community Dental Clinic

Contact the Siletz Community Dental Clinic if you experience dental pain or a dental emergency. Staff will do everything they can to see you as soon as possible.

Morning check-in time is Monday-Thursday from 8:15-8:45 a.m. and Friday from 9-9:30 a.m. Afternoon check-in time is Monday-Friday from 1:30-2 p.m.

## Patient portal now available at Siletz Clinic

The Siletz Community Health Clinic is thrilled to offer you a new feature – The Patient Portal! This is a convenient, secure online tool available 24/7 so you can:

- Exchange secure messages with your medical team
- Access your health record
- Search patient educational material
- View visit summary documents
- Send your health records to other providers

- Attach your dependents' medical information to your portal account

Parents and legal guardians can attach minor's medical information to their portal account. To do so, the parent/legal guardian must send a message request from their portal account or come into the clinic.

If you have any questions regarding the enrollment process, call our patient care coordinators at 541-444-1030 or 800-648-0449, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## Siletz Community Health Clinic PATIENT PORTAL Self-Enrollment

- 1 From your phone, tablet, or computer's web browser go to [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us)
- 2 Click on **Tribal Services**
- 3 Click on **Healthcare**
- 4 Click on **Patient Portal**

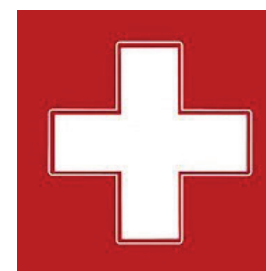
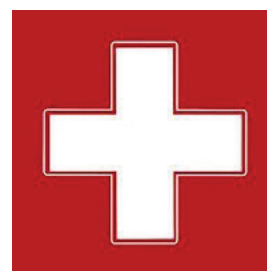
In the section “Don't have an Account? Fill Out the Fields Below” fill in your information, skip the insurance section, then complete the enrollment. Once your request is reviewed we'll send a verification email and you'll be ready to log on.

**IS MY ENROLLMENT INFORMATION SAFE?** YES! YOUR PORTAL SELF-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION IS VERIFIED AGAINST OUR PATIENT DATABASE. IF IT DOES NOT MATCH WE WILL CALL YOU USING THE PHONE# ON RECORD. Note: changes to email and other personal information must be made in person at the clinic, or through your portal account once the enrollment is complete.

Welcome to the Portal! Marci Muschamp, Health Director



## Reminder



The Siletz Clinic would like to remind parents and guardians that if you are sending your child to an appointment with someone other than yourself or other legal guardian, you will need to sign a Release of Information. This gives permission for another person to bring your child to appointments and for your child's provider to discuss their care with them. If you have any questions, please call 541-444-1030 or 800-648-0449. Thank you!

