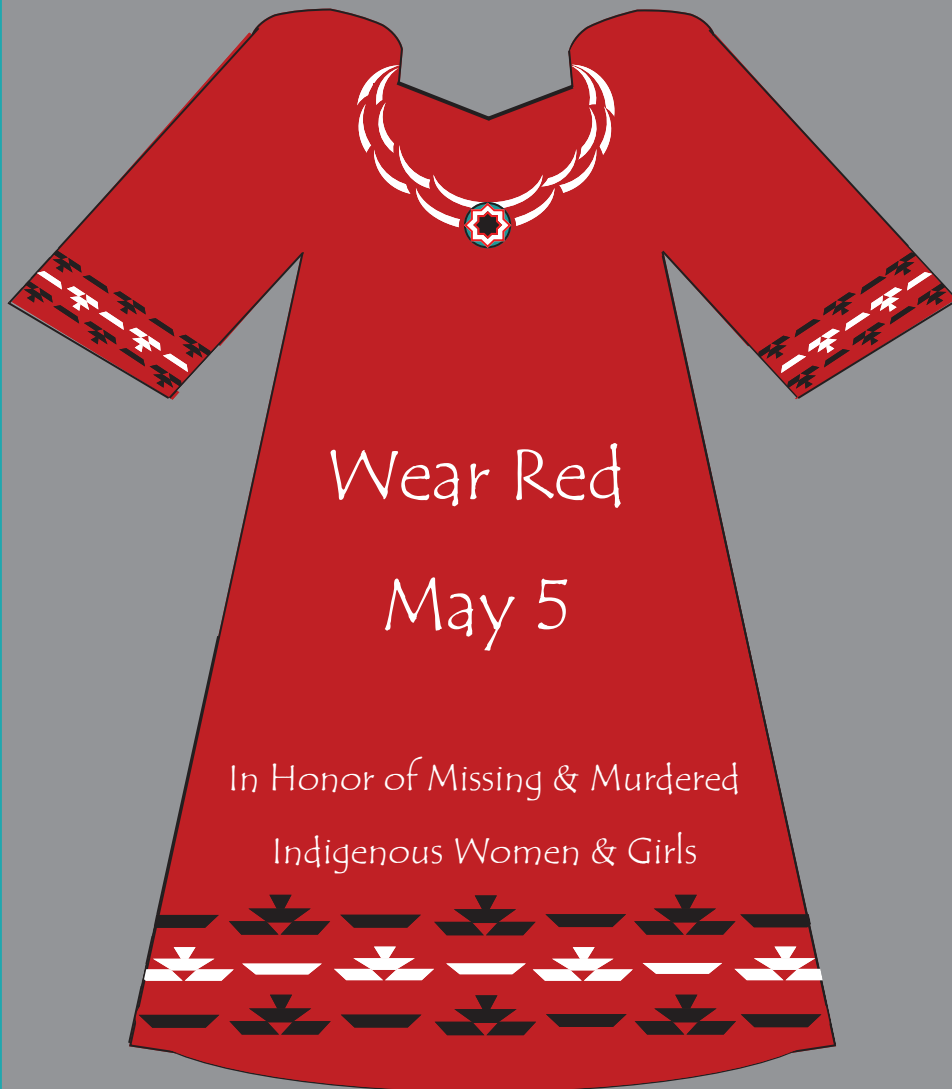


Health Department



In the US Native American women are more than twice as likely to experience violence than any other demographic and face murder rates at more than 10 times the national average. In 2016 there were 5,712 cases of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) reported by the National Crime Information Center, however only 116 of the cases were logged into the US Department of Justice database. In an effort to help fill some of the gaps in reporting and information the Urban Indian Health Institute (UIHI) conducted a study in 2017 of urban MMIWG cases. UIHI focused on 71 urban cities across the US and identified 506 unique MMIWG cases, 128 were missing persons cases, 280 were murder cases and 98 were of unknown status. UIHI found that the median age for the victims was 29.

In order to address some of the issues in reporting and investigating MMIWG cases in the State of Oregon, Representative Tawna Sanchez sponsored House Bill 2625 which was passed on March 13, 2019. HB2625 directs the department of State Police to conduct a study which was to determine how to increase state criminal justice protective and investigative resources for reporting, identification and investigation of missing Native American women in the state of Oregon.

In February 2021, Oregon State Police released their first study, reporting 13 missing indigenous persons and 3 murdered indigenous persons. The cases go back as far as 1984. The US Attorney General's Office plans to have Tribal Consultations with each of Oregon's Tribal Governments to discuss these matters further and identify cases of missing and murdered indigenous people within each tribe.

Hepatitis Awareness Month

Siletz Community Health Clinic Harm Reduction Program can get people connected to testing and treatment for those who test positive. Please contact us if interested.

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