

CITY OF SPOKANE



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, little data exists on the number of missing Native Americans in the United States; and the Washington State Patrol reports a total of 107 missing indigenous people, and almost half are from Eastern Washington; and

WHEREAS, a report from the National Institute of Justice found that more than four out of five Native American women have experienced violence in their lives, and in 2016, the Centers for Disease Control reported that homicide is the third leading cause of death among Native American women between the ages of 10 and 24, and Native American women are 10 times more likely to be murdered than other Americans; and

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane stands with tribal, state, and national governments to raise awareness for missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls and supports legislation which will help to strengthen interagency partnerships:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2021 as

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN & GIRLS AWARENESS DAY

in Spokane, calling for a renewed commitment by state and federal government agencies to allocate necessary resources to address this pressing issue.

I, Nadine Woodward, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
5th day of May 2021.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Nadine Woodward".

Nadine Woodward
Mayor

