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AG Kaul Announces Missing Persons Poster Contest Winner at Bangor Elementary

BANGOR, Wis. – Attorney General Josh Kaul today announced that a fifth grader from Bangor, Wis. has won the statewide “Bring Our Missing Children Home” Poster contest.

“Thank you to everyone who participated in the Missing Persons Poster Contest,” said Attorney General Josh Kaul. “We must keep raising awareness about those who continue to be missing.”

May 25 is National Missing Children’s Day, bringing awareness to missing and exploited children in the United States. The U.S. Department of Justice recognizes this day by holding an annual poster contest for fifth graders around the nation. Each state hosts a statewide competition before submitting the poster to the national contest.

Kennedy Hamilton was named the statewide winner at a ceremony at Bangor Elementary School on Wednesday. Kennedy wrote this about her poster:

“My missing child poster is representing what missing children have to go through. The eagle stands for courage and strength. The maze represents all of the obstacles that a missing child has to go through. The story of my poster is that this girl went missing and she has to find her way home. During my process of making my poster I learned a couple facts. One fact that I learned was that there are about 44 children missing in Wisconsin.”

The contest was administered in Wisconsin by the Department of Justice (DOJ) Clearinghouse for Missing & Exploited Children & Adults. The clearinghouse actively

assists law enforcement, victim families, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and other missing children organizations in cases involving missing children, human trafficking victims and children who are victims of enticement via the Internet. Wisconsin's Clearinghouse provides technical investigative assistance, referrals and advocacy in navigating the criminal justice system, along with other resources, services and information, to victim families of children and adults who are missing and considered endangered in the state of Wisconsin, nationwide and internationally.

To see a list of those missing in Wisconsin, go to:
<https://www.missingpersons.doj.wi.gov/wisconsin-missing-persons>