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**NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**AG Kaul Recognizes Missing and Murdered Indigenous  
Women Awareness Day**

MADISON, Wis. – Attorney General Josh Kaul is calling attention to the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Wisconsin on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Day. The day is a reminder to help combat the abduction, homicide, violence and trafficking of Indigenous women.

“Today is a solemn day to remember those whose lives have been lost or who are missing due to abduction, homicide, or trafficking,” said AG Kaul. “But this is also a day when we can resolve to take action to help prevent future cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women.”

In July of 2020, Attorney General Kaul [announced the launching of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force](#), a partnership with Wisconsin Department of Justice and Indigenous communities to address and hopefully prevent future cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women in Wisconsin. The task force selected its Indigenous co-chairs, Skye Alloway, Forest County Potawatomi, and Justine Rufus, Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, at the group’s first meeting in December. Task force meetings occur quarterly, and subcommittee meetings will begin in the near future.

More information about the task force and resources for communities can be found here: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-task-force>

## **DOJ Crime Victim Resources:**

### **Toll-Free Phone Line**

Victims of crimes may get answers to questions at 1-800-446-6564 weekdays 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### **Safe at Home**

An address confidentiality program for victims of acts or threats of abuse or for those who fear for their safety. For more information, visit [www.SafeAtHomeWI.gov](http://www.SafeAtHomeWI.gov).

### **Victim Resource Center**

Information and referrals for crime victims; materials and training on victim rights; additional victim assistance and advocacy: <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/victim-rights/victim-witness-rights>

### **Crime Victim Compensation**

Helps pay for unreimbursed eligible expenses:  
<https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs/compensation/crime-victim-compensation-program-compensation-your-financial-losses>

For more information, please contact DOJ Office of Crime Victim Services at 1-800-446-6564 or <https://www.doj.state.wi.us/ocvs>.