

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE KLAMATH, MODOC,
AND YAHOOSKIN BAND OF SNAKE INDIANS**

WHEREAS, The Klamath Tribes recognizes that American Indian and Alaska Native people are at a disproportionate risk of experiencing violence, murder, or going missing and make up a significant portion of the missing and murdered cases;

and

WHEREAS, The Klamath Tribes understand the MMIP crisis is prevalent across the United States, with Indigenous peoples being murdered at a rate 10 times the national average. According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, homicide is the second highest rate of death among American Indian and Alaska Native people;

and

WHEREAS, The Klamath Tribes will work with local, state, and national agencies to support Klamath Tribal Members and Descendants who are Missing or Murdered;

and

WHEREAS, The Klamath Tribes believe it is important to remember, honor, and respect those relatives that are missing and murdered, provide resources to families to bring resolution to their loved one's disappearance, and try to assist in the healing process. We also must work to bring awareness to the prevention of this epidemic;

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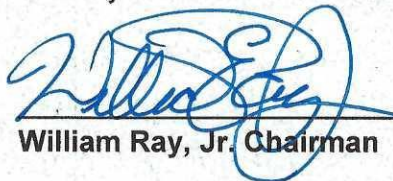
WHEREAS, Therefore, we call upon all Tribal citizens, law enforcement, tribal organizations, health officials and all Tribal programs to speak out against violence and actively support local efforts in Indian Country to assist our relatives who are survivors of violence to be safe and live their lives free. To hold abusers and systems accountable, and to return our Nation to ways of respect and honor.

and

WHEREAS, We as the Klamath Tribes Honor MMIP, represent The Klamath Tribes, Klamath Tribal Health, MMIP Ad Hoc Committee and Klamath Tribes Restoration.

and

WHEREAS, that we stand united in our commitments to end all forms of violence in Indian Country and the Tribal ancestral home of the Klamath Tribes.



William Ray, Jr. Chairman

12-18-2024
Date