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## The National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People —May 5, 2026

To: Presidents and all Members

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### For Information

The National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People, also called REDress Day, is held each year on May 5. In 2010, Métis artist [Jaime Black created the REDress Project](#), by hanging empty red dresses in public spaces to raise awareness and honour those who have been lost.

The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (June 2019) shared 231 Calls to Justice for governments, institutions, industries, and all Canadians. These calls ask everyone to help end this violence.

To end the violence, we must understand the risks. These include poverty, unsafe or inadequate housing, gender-based violence, and systemic discrimination. These conditions increase the risk of harm, disappearance, and death.

We remember the grandmothers, mothers, sisters, aunties, and community members that have been lost. As a Federation, we commit to learning and taking action to build safer communities.

Link: [The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls \(June 2019\)](#)

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