

CITY OF DILLINGHAM, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL TO RECOGNIZE THE DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE THAT ARE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DILLINGHAM AND TO BRING AWARENESS TO THE ISSUES OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND GIRLS

WHEREAS, there has been and continues to be a disproportionate amount of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People especially Indigenous Women and Girls; and

WHEREAS, On November 26, 2019 the 45th President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, issued Executive Order 13898, Establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska known as Operation Lady Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Curyung Tribal Council approved Resolution 2020-15 authorizing the development of a Missing and Murdered Community Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 46th President of the United States Joseph Biden proclaimed May 5, 2021, as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, there has been and continues to be a disproportionate amount of Missing and Murdered Indigenous people especially Indigenous Women and Girls; and

WHEREAS, according to a study commissioned by the Department of Justice, in some Tribal communities, American Indian women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average murder rate; and

WHEREAS, the disappearances and murders of Native men, women, and children is often directly connected to domestic violence, sexual assault or trafficking, which is a direct threat to the citizens of Dillingham, and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Dillingham recognizes the pain and loss of Families in our community that have had members gone missing or have been murdered, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Dillingham supports a cooperative effort to address this issue. We encourage other businesses, organizations, public institutions and community members to learn and teach others about the acute crisis facing Native People especially women and girls.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Dillingham City Council May 13, 2021.


Alice Ruby, Mayor [SEAL]

ATTEST:



Lori Goodell, City Clerk

CURYUNG TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 2020-15

A RESOLUTION TO BEGIN ADDRESSING THE DISPROPORTIONALLY HIGH RATES OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN OF CURYUNG BY DEVELOPING A MISSING AND MURDERED COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

- WHEREAS,** The Curyung Tribal Council (herein the “Curyung Tribe”) is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe listed in the Secretary of the Interior’s annual list of federally recognized Tribes issued in accordance with the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes List Act of 1994, Pub. L. No. 103-454, *see* 85 Fed. Reg. 5462, 5466 (Jan. 30, 2020), and
- WHEREAS,** The Curyung Tribal Council is the federally recognized Tribe for the community of Dillingham, Alaska; and
- WHEREAS,** The mission of the Curyung Tribal Council is to serve tribal members, to preserve our cultural values, to protect our sovereign and inherent rights and to promote our social, economic, and political progress; and
- WHEREAS,** The Curyung Tribal Council acknowledges that indigenous women, including Our women and children suffer from disproportionately high rates of violence, going missing, and being murdered; and
- WHEREAS,** The Curyung Tribal Council recognizes Alaska Native people are over represented in the Missing and Murdered data, including men, women, and children; and
- WHEREAS,** This issue is known collectively across Native communities as “Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, MMIW and #MMIW”; and
- WHEREAS,** Many Alaska Native and Native American tribal communities are working desperately to address MMIW through acknowledgement, research, advocacy, activism, and justice; and
- WHEREAS,** At the October 2019 Alaska Federation of Natives (AFN) convention, the Federation adopted Resolution 19-8 “Calling Upon the Inherent Responsibility of the State, Federal, and Local Governments to Acknowledge the Disproportionally High Rates of Violence Against Women of Indigenous Communities and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women; and
- WHEREAS,** On November 26, 2019 the 45th President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, issued Executive Order 13898, Establishing the Task Force on Missing and Murdered American Indians and Alaska Natives to “enhance the operation of the criminal justice system and address the legitimate concerns of American Indian and Alaska Native communities regarding missing and murdered people – particularly missing and murdered indigenous women and girls” known as Operation Lady Justice; and
- WHEREAS,** At the regularly scheduled monthly meeting on June 9, 2020 the Curyung Tribal Council reviewed the above said information as well as related statistics on missing and murdered indigenous women and recognized the need for data and activism on this issue, in doing so approved Resolution 2020-15 in concept; and

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WHEREAS, On August 26, 2020 the Trump Administration Opens Operation Lady Justice Task Force Cold Case Office in Anchorage, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator, E. Ingrid Cumberlidge, Contractor in the United States Attorney’s Office, the District of Alaska has been working with the Curyung Tribal Administrator on this issue has solicited tribal participants for a pilot project to build a Missing and Murdered Community Action Plan.

WHEREAS, The Curyung Tribe is committed to working with local and state law enforcement to promote public safety and protect all people.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Curyung Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Curyung Tribal Council to work with the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Coordinator, Contractor in the United States Attorney’s Office, the District of Alaska to develop a Missing and Murdered Community Action Plan on behalf of our tribal citizens and within our tribal community.

CERTIFICATION:

This resolution was duly considered and adopted at a meeting of the Curyung Tribal Council in Dillingham, Alaska on this 10th day of November, 2020, at which a quorum of Council members were in attendance via teleconference.

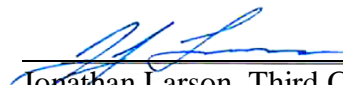
ATTEST:



Thomas Tilden, First Chief
Curyung Tribal Council

10 November 2020
Date

Attest:



Jonathan Larson, Third Chief

10 November 2020
Date

