

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING MAY 5TH, 2026 AS “MENDOCINO COUNTY DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND PEOPLE”

WHEREAS, Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people experience disproportionately high rates of violence, with studies showing they are more than twice as likely to experience violent crime and sexual assault in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, national data indicates that more than four out of five American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence, and homicide remains a leading cause of death for Indigenous women and girls; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Indigenous people are reported missing each year in the United States, and many cases remain unresolved, underscoring the need for continued awareness, prevention, and coordinated response; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 Savanna’s Act and the Not Invisible Act were signed in to federal law to improve data collection, strengthen communication, and enhance coordination among Tribal, local, state and federal partners; and

WHEREAS, the area known as Mendocino County is located on the ancestral homelands of Indigenous Peoples who have continuously inhabited, utilized and cared for this land since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County recognizes the importance of strong partnerships between Tribal communities, local law enforcement, service providers and community organizations in addressing and preventing violence; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mendocino remains committed to honoring the lives of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People, supporting their families and continuing efforts that promote safety, awareness, and collaboration across our communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims May 5, 2026, as:

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MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND PEOPLE”**

Dated:

Bernie Norvell, Chair