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Dear Honorable Tribal Leader,

On behalf of the New Mexico Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives Task Force (task force), I first want to express my gratitude for your continued support and participation in task force meetings, data collection efforts, and support to implement task force report recommendations. On May 5, 2021, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed Executive Order 2021-013 that establishes the next phase of the task force. Membership will expand to include representatives from across Tribal Nations, including state legislators and community partners. We would like to invite you to nominate tribal representatives that are committed to this cause and have the time and capacity to support the task force as they work to develop a state response plan addressing systemic changes that support prevention, reporting, and investigation of MMIWR incidents.

The task force is committed to building partnerships and relationships to ensure that the state response to this crisis includes diverse representation. Outreach to tribal leaders across the state is critical as we strive to build a task force that is representative of rural and urban communities, tribal governments, law enforcement agencies and state agencies.

The perspective and expertise of task force members is essential to provide input, help the task force gather relevant data, and support the task force during community hearings, meetings, and subcommittee meetings. We also ask members to advise the task force when recommendations for the state response plan are being developed to ensure it meets the needs of tribal governments.

Task force members are asked to:

- Participate in an introductory webinar to learn more about the vision and data gathering plan, and roles;
- Attend monthly meetings and/or activity via zoom (future events may include in person meetings)
- Provide targeted feedback and input by completing surveys and participating in subcommittee meetings, and;
- Participate in any additional webinars that are scheduled.

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Representatives that serve as a task force member must be able to attend and participate in webinars and meetings as outlined above.

If anyone within your tribe is interested and able to lend expertise to these important and critical discussions by serving as a task force member please have them complete a short nomination form here: [Nomination Form](#) After the nomination form is received, we will send a confirmation and ask the individual(s) nominated to submit a resume and letter of interest via email.

There will be an information session for tribal leaders, and anyone interested on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 1:00 via zoom. If you would like more information you can visit: www.iad.state.nm.us or email cmeans.mmiwnm@gmail.com.

Respectfully,



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