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## **Call for New Mexico Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives Task Force Nominations**

SANTA FE - The New Mexico Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives (MMIWR) Task Force request your support to nominate a representative to the MMIWR task force. Recently, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham signed [Executive Order 2021-013](#), which expanded task force membership, extended the timeframe, and set new objectives. We welcome all nominations from New Mexicans who may want to serve on the task force during this next phase of work.

Task Force Nominations form can be accessed here: [Task Force Nomination Form](#).

Executive Order 2021-013, signed by Governor Lujan Grisham on May 5, 2021, 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 want to invite you to nominate representatives that are committed to this cause and have the time and capacity to support the task force as it develops a state response plan that addresses systemic changes needed to improve prevention, reporting, and investigation of MMIWR incidents.

The task force is committed to building partnerships and relationships to ensure that the state's response to this crisis includes diverse voices and experiences. Outreach to tribal leaders, program directors, community advocates, and other interested stakeholders is critical as we strive to build a task force that represents rural and urban communities, tribal governments, service providers, law enforcement agencies, and state agencies. The perspective and expertise of task force members is essential to support the development of a state response plan that will outline a plan for how the state can implement and address findings in the [2020 MMIWR Task Force Final Report](#).

Task force members are asked to:

- Participate in an introductory webinar to learn more about the vision, goals and objectives, and expectations;
- Attend monthly meetings and/or activities 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.

Representatives that serve as a task force member must be able to participate in webinars and meetings as outlined above. If anyone within your organization, agency, community, and Tribal Nation 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 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. Nominations are being accepted now, with a deadline of June 7, 2021.

There will be an information session for tribal leaders and anyone interested on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 1:00 via zoom. Register for the zoom information session here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Na7NYclFQJ-baJ46pZrL4Q](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Na7NYclFQJ-baJ46pZrL4Q).

If you would like more information you can visit: <https://www.iad.state.nm.us/mmiwr-nomination> or send an email to [cmeans.mmiwnm@gmail.com](mailto:cmeans.mmiwnm@gmail.com).

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