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**New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Secretary issues  
statement in recognition of Domestic Violence  
Awareness Month**

Santa Fe - New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) Secretary and the New Mexico Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives (MMIWR) Task Force Chair, Lynn Trujillo issued the following statement in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

“Domestic Violence Awareness Month provides an opportunity for advocating for survivors and raising awareness of what is needed to put an end to domestic violence.

The MMIWR Task Force is committed to continuing its efforts to address the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women and relatives in New Mexico to ensure our communities are safe for all our relatives.

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the IAD and MMIWR Task Force will raise awareness by providing information to further educate the public and increase access to tools and resources to assist our Indigenous relatives in avoiding or escaping unsafe situations at home.

We must work together to put an end to domestic violence.”

If you or someone you know is experiencing abuse and needs resources, you can call the National Domestic Violence 24/7 hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or StrongHearts Native Helpline, Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 10:00 pm (CST), at 1-844-762-8483.

National and Statewide Domestic Violence Resources:

[New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence \(nmcadv.org\)](http://nmcadv.org)

[StrongHearts Native Helpline | For Supporters \(strongheartshelpline.org\)](http://strongheartshelpline.org)

[Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women – CSVANW](http://CSVANW.org)

[Healthy relationships for young adults | love is respect](http://loveisrespect.org)

[Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Helpline \(newmexicolegalaid.org\)](http://newmexicolegalaid.org)

[New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, Inc. \(nmcsap.org\)](http://nmcsap.org)

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*Since 2003 the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) has implemented groundbreaking state-tribal policies intended to improve the quality of life for the state's Native citizens. Our initiatives are designed to strengthen Tribal and state relations and address the challenges we face in our communities; challenges such as economic development, infrastructure improvement, the protection of our cultures and languages, health care accessibility, and educational opportunities for our most precious resource— our children. Learn more at [www.iad.state.nm.us](http://www.iad.state.nm.us).*