

Date of Hearing: April 29, 2021

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES  
Ken Cooley, Chair  
HR 40 (Ramos) – As Introduced April 26, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Month.

**SUMMARY:** Designates the month of May 2021 as California’s Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) In 2016, 5,712 missing and murdered indigenous cases were reported to the National Crime Information Center.
- 2) According to a study conducted on behalf of the United States Department of Justice, in some tribal communities, indigenous women face murder rates 10 times higher than the national average. No such study exists for urban areas.
- 3) Little data exists on the epidemic of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls, and data that is available is incomplete and inadequate. The data that does exist on this issue focuses primarily on indigenous women living on reservations, despite approximately 70 percent of native people living in urban cities.
- 4) According to the first report conducted by the Urban Indian Health Institute in 2018 on missing and murdered indigenous women in urban cities, the victims were 18 years of age or younger in 27 percent of the cases; and, the average age for missing and murdered indigenous women was 29.
- 5) California has the sixth highest death rate of indigenous women in urban cities.
- 6) According to census data, California has the largest population of American Indians, more than any other state in the country.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** None

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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