



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON IN RECOGNITION OF

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Awareness Day

WHEREAS, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Awareness Day brings attention to the staggering number of missing and murdered Indigenous people nationally and currently there are more than 100 missing Indigenous people in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington is home to 29 Tribal Nations and more than 300,000 Native Americans and Alaskan Natives and Fife sits on the ancestral lands of the Puyallup Tribe; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 nine Indigenous people were murdered in Washington State, two of which were murdered in Pierce County, and it is believed that this is an underrepresented number due to issues with reporting and information sharing; and

WHEREAS, for generations the disappearance and murder of Native women and children has largely been invisible, and this plight demands collaboration and action, not just from tribal governments and advocates, but also with the federal, state, and local governments and organizations; and

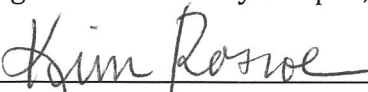
WHEREAS, Fife has partnered with the Puyallup Tribe of Indians to bring awareness regarding Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, we express concern and lend support to families left with uncertainty of missing loved ones, those who are grieving a loss, and recognize the tireless work being done by individuals across the nation to address this issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Roscoe, Mayor of the City of Fife, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2023, as "Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People Awareness Day" in the City of Fife, Washington, and ask the community to stand in solidarity, answer the call to action when asked, and encouraged to further educate themselves on this issue by searching the hashtags #MMIWActionNow, #NoMoreStolenSisters, and #MMIW on social media.



Signed this 25th day of April, 2023



Mayor Kim Roscoe