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May 5th is the National Day of Awareness and Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Gender Diverse People, also known as #RedDressDay. It is a time to honour those who have been taken and to stand in solidarity with families, survivors, and communities calling for justice.

As you reflect on this day, we encourage you to consider the deep and ongoing connection between violence against the land and violence against Indigenous women, girls, and gender diverse people. These are not separate issues—they are interwoven through histories and systems of colonization, extractivism, and gendered, racialized violence. You can listen to Melina Laboucan-Massimo speak to this on REDx [here](#).

This connection is clearly outlined in the 2019 National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls' Final Report, *Reclaiming Power and Place*, which is already six years old. The report issued 231 Calls for Justice, five of which specifically address the relationship between resource extraction projects and increased violence against Indigenous women and 2SLGBTQIA+ people—particularly in Northern and remote regions. According to the Report:

“Resource extraction projects can drive violence against Indigenous women in several ways, including issues related to transient workers, harassment and assault in the workplace, rotational shift work, substance abuse and addictions, and economic insecurity” (p. 584).



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These Calls for Justice urge both governments and companies to prioritize the safety and well-being of Indigenous peoples—especially women and gender-diverse individuals—in decision-making related to development on or near Indigenous territories.

We invite you to explore more resources shared [here](#)^[1]^[2]; namely the toolkit **[Violence On the Land, Violence On Our Bodies: Building an Indigenous Response to Environmental Violence.](#)**

And still, the harm continues. Across Turtle Island, families and communities grieve, resist, and demand justice. May **[Emily Pike's](#)** name be known and remembered, and may she rest in peace and justice.

May **[Tanya Nepinak's](#)** family have closure and justice: that her body be searched for and found in the Winnipeg Brady road landfill. We recognize the tremendous uphill battle of the families and communities of Morgan Harris, Mercedes Myran and Ashlee Shingoose to fight for their search.

This month, we invite you not only to reflect but to take action, and to take the time to learn more. We invite you to check in to see what is happening in your own community - there may be a march, vigil or other event organized.





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We share a few events we have noted, though not exhaustive!

Saskatoon SK - **Wanuskewin** Red Dress Day 2025 May 3-May 5th

Stony Plain AB - **Red Dress Day to End Violence** May 4th

Tk'emlups BC - **Red Dress Day** May 5th

Vancouver BC - **National Day of Awareness MMIWG+** May 5th

Victoria BC - **MMIWG2S 28 hour vigil art installation** May 4-May 5th

Other action ideas include writing a letter to Premier Wab Kinew to search for Tanya Nepinak.

