VAWA

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) of 2019

Social Media Toolkit

Together, we do more!
The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), first passed in 1994, provides a lifeline for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. It’s been months since the House of Congress passed H.R.1585, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019, with strong bipartisan support. H.R. 1585 was passed on April 4, 2019. Now it is time for Senators to act on a similar bill that maintains important protections for vulnerable survivors while making critical improvements to prevent and respond to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, sex trafficking and stalking in our tribal communities.

"Since its enactment in 1995, each reauthorization of VAWA, has resulted in significant victories in support of the tribal authority and secured resources needed for increasing the safety of Native women across the United States. H.R. 1585 will resume to build on these victories by (1):

- Restoring tribal jurisdiction over non-Indians for specific crimes involving children and elders, sexual violence, stalking, sex trafficking, obstruction of justice, and assaults against law enforcement and corrections personnel.
- Creating a $3 million authorization for DOJ’s Tribal Access Program (TAP).
- Directing the Government Accountability Organization (GAO) to submit a report on the response of law enforcement agencies to reports of missing or murdered Indians, including recommendations for legislative solutions.
- Changing the definition of land eligible for a tribe’s jurisdiction to include all land within any Alaska Native village, for the Alaska tribal jurisdiction pilot project."

The Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women (CSVANW) developed this VAWA reauthorization awareness social media toolkit to aid our community, members, advocates, and our Native youth in educating Tribal leaders and federal government leaders about the needs of Native survivors of violence and why the reauthorization of VAWA is critical to meeting these needs. This social media toolkit centers on the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the need to call on our Senators on these important improvements that are needed NOW to protect our Native women, children and community!

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TOGETHER, WE ARE THE MOVEMENT.
WHY USE SOCIAL MEDIA?

Social media is a powerful tool that lets us communicate more messages to more people, more quickly. It provides a platform to share content, news and current events with a wider audience in a way that is not guided solely by mainstream media. Furthermore, it provides a space for everyone to share their voice and join in crucial conversations. Therefore, it is important to tag your tribal leaders and Senators about the reauthorization of VAWA on your social media platforms.

HASHTAGS TO USE:

#HR1585  
#VAWA19  
#VAWA4ALL  
#VAWA4Natives
Choose one of the Facebook/Instagram post below or write your own!

**SAMPLE FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM POSTS:**

Since its enactment, each reauthorization of VAWA, has resulted in victories to support the tribal authority and safe resources needed for increasing the safety of Native women across the United States. I call on you, Senators, to pass #HR1585, the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2019, that will provide protections for Native victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking and sex trafficking. #VAWA19 #VAWA4Natives #VAWA4ALL

The House did the right thing and passed #HR1585 with strong bipartisan support. Now it’s your turn! Senators! Protect our Native women and children. #VAWA19 #VAWA4Natives #VAWA4ALL
Choose one of the tweets below or write your own!

**SAMPLE TWEETS:**

The House did the right thing in passing #HR1585. Now it’s your turn, Senate! 
#VAWA4ALL

[@SenatorHandle] Reauthorize #VAWA19 for Native victims & survivors NOW! Pass a Senate #HR1585 companion. #VAWA4Natives

[@TribalLeaderHandle] call on Senators to pass #VAWA19. Protect our Native women! #VAWA4Native

[@SenatorHandle] majority of AI/AN Women are victims of intimate partner violence/sexual violence/stalking, often by non-tribal members. #VAWA19 will hold non-Native abusers accountable. #VAWA4Native

#HR1585 will ensure tribes have the power to prosecute non-Native sexual abusers who prey on Native women. Our Native women deserve justice & safety. 
#VAWA4Natives

More than half of AI/AN women have experienced sexual violence in their lifetime. 
[@TribalLeaderHandle] call on Senate to pass #VAWA19 to end sexual violence! 
#VAWA4Natives
GRAPHICS

The House did the right thing in passing #HR1585. Now it’s your turn, Senate!

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#VAWA4ALL Native survivors deserve justice! Support a Senate companion to #HR1585

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Violence doesn’t discriminate & neither should our laws! Support #VAWA19. Ensure Native women have access to justice on tribal lands.

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83% of Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime, the Senate must pass #VAWA19 with enhanced tribal provisions to protect Native women & children.

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Native Survivors Can’t Wait! Reauthorize #VAWA19 now! Pass a Senate #HR1585 companion

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#Dear Tribal Leaders
Call on Senators to act NOW & vote on the House version of #HR1585!

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COALITION to STOP
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