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CSVANW's MMIWR Day Event Amplifies Calls for Action and Support for Impacted Families

Albuquerque, NM – On May 5th, 2024, the Coalition to Stop Violence Against Native Women (CSVANW) hosted a poignant event in collaboration with the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department (IAD) at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque. The event, titled "Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives (MMIWR) Day," provided a platform for families in New Mexico and the Four Corners Region impacted by the MMIWR crisis to share their stories and advocate for change.

The day began with a powerful MMIWR Prayer Walk, symbolizing unity and strength in demanding justice and accountability for missing and murdered Indigenous women and relatives. CSVANW representatives and community members joined together in solidarity to center the voices of those affected by this ongoing crisis.

Denise Carrillo, sister to Kristina Carrillo, emphasized the urgent need for more Tribal responses, including prevention efforts, the administration of trust resources such as grant funds, and ensuring perpetrators are held accountable across federal, state, and Tribal systems.

Anita King, mother of Pepita M. Redhair, shared her emotional journey and the profound impact of her daughter's absence. She highlighted the challenges faced by families, including the lack of support from law enforcement and the stifling of their voices due to fear. King urged for continued advocacy, the establishment of a dedicated Task Force, increased funds for searches, and essential resources like drones and emotional support for families enduring trauma.

CSVANW recognizes the critical importance of amplifying these voices and advocating for justice, awareness, and prevention. The press conference following the event highlighted the courageous testimonies and urgent calls for action from impacted families.

"We must keep pressing and alerting our Tribal Leaders, Tribal Law Enforcements, and the FBI's MMIW Detectives," said King. "Our call for action extends beyond May 5th. We urgently need more advocates, a dedicated Task Force, and increased funds for searches."

CSVANW remains committed to supporting MMIWR families and advocating for meaningful change. The organization will continue to mobilize media and public support to address the MMIWR crisis and work towards ending violence against Indigenous women and relatives.

For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact media@csvanw.org.

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