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S. RES. 401

Designating May 5, 2018 as the “National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

Mr. DAINES (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. CRAPO, and Mr. ROUNDS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas, according to a study commissioned by the Department of Justice, in some tribal communities, American Indian women face murder rates that are more than 10 times the national average murder rate;

Whereas, according to the most recently available data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2015, homicide—

(1) ranged from the second to seventh leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native females between 1 and 39 years of age; and

(2) remained a leading cause of death for most American Indian and Alaska Native females between 40 and 64 years of age;

Whereas little data exist on the number of missing American Indian and Alaska Native women and girls in the United States;

Whereas, on July 5, 2013, Hanna Harris, a member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, was reported missing by her family in Lame Deer, Montana;

Whereas the body of Hanna Harris was found 5 days after she went missing;

Whereas Hanna Harris was determined to have been raped and murdered, and the individuals accused of committing those crimes were convicted;

Whereas the case of Hanna Harris is an example of many similar cases; and

Whereas Hanna Harris was born on May 5, 1992: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates May 5, 2018, as the “National
3 Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native
4 Women and Girls”; and

5 (2) calls on the people of the United States and
6 interested groups—

7 (A) to commemorate the lives of missing
8 and murdered American Indian and Alaska Na-
9 tive women and girls whose cases are docu-

1 mented and undocumented in public records
2 and the media; and
3 (B) to demonstrate solidarity with the fam-
4 ilies of the victims in light of those tragedies.

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