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Wear red on MMIWG National Day of Awareness

This Friday, May 5 marks the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG).

While many woman and girls experience intimate partner violence, a significant number of Nunatsiavummiut have been murdered over the years as a result of it. Nunatsiavut has safe houses in Nain, Hopedale and Rigolet, and help is always available.

Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement are encouraged to wear red in observance of this national day of awareness (held in conjunction with Red Dress Day), or by hanging a red dress in your window.

Events to mark Red Dress Day will be held in Nain from 12 noon to 5 p.m. in partnership with the provincial government's Family Information Liaison Unit (FILU). President Johannes Lampe will open with a prayer at the JSC followed by seal skin red dress brooch and ornament making, kids craft table and a memorial walk.

Elder Sarah Ponniuk will also conduct a circle throughout the weekend (May 6-8) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pupalvik Building for families of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

You can read the MMIWG final report and calls to action at www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report

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