



Land Acknowledgement – May 2024

Tonight we acknowledge that we are meeting on this land known as Treaty 13.

May 5th is the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples (MMIWG2SLGBTQQIA+). This day is also known as Red Dress Day with respect to Jaime Black's REDress art installation which helped inspire the red dress movement. On May 5th, many people across North America hang red dresses in private and public spaces to remember those who are missing and murdered.

May 16 is Moose Hide Campaign Day. The Campaign recognizes that all forms of violence are unacceptable, regardless of gender. We see the disproportionate number of women and girls who are victims and the importance of engaging men and boys in addressing this issue. We also know that "shame and blame" isn't the answer. This is a day of ceremony where all Canadians – male and female - are called to join together to take a stand against violence towards women and children and to take practical steps for our collective journey of reconciliation.

To learn more:

1. Red Dress Day – National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls: Observed every May 5, [Red Dress Day](https://www.lawsociety.ab.ca/red-dress-day-national-day-of-awareness-for-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-girls/) is meant to raise awareness about the ongoing violence against and disproportionately high rates of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit individuals, as well as brings attention to the systemic issues that contribute to this ongoing crisis. -<https://www.lawsociety.ab.ca/red-dress-day-national-day-of-awareness-for-missing-and-murdered-indigenous-women-and-girls/>
2. Reclaiming Power and Place – The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Women and Girls - <https://www.mmiwg-ffada.ca/final-report/>
3. Sexism and Misogyny - <https://humanrights.ca/story/online-misogyny-manosphere>

Note:

Over the summer there are also special dates celebrating Indigenous Peoples

- June 21 - National Aboriginal Day, now National Indigenous Peoples Day
- August 9 - International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
9 August