The Klamath Tribes
Tribal Council

Tribal Council Resolution TC 2025-010

MMIP COMMITTEE AND COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS THE MMIP CRISIS

WHEREAS, The Klamath and Modoc Tribes and the Yahooskin Band of Snake Indians signed the Treaty of 1864 establishing the Klamath Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The General Council of the Klamath membership is the governing body of the Tribes, by the authority of the Constitution of the Klamath Tribes (Article VI & VII section IV E) as approved by the General Council and most recently amended on September 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Klamath Indian Tribes Restoration Act of August 27, 1986 (P.L. 99-398) restored the Federal government-to-government recognition to the Sovereign Government of the Klamath Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Klamath Tribes' Tribal Council is the elected governmental body of the Klamath Tribes and has been delegated the authority to direct the day-to-day business and governmental affairs of the Klamath Tribes under the general guidance of the General Council (Constitution, Article VII, section I; Tribal Council by-laws, Article I); and

WHEREAS, The Klamath Tribes, a sovereign tribal government, has inherent authority to protect and ensure the safety and welfare of their citizens; and

WHEREAS, The crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) disproportionately affects Indigenous communities, including the members of the Klamath Tribes, causing profound and ongoing trauma to families and the community as a whole;

WHEREAS, The Klamath Tribes and Tribal Council are committed to addressing this crisis through the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) committee to promote awareness campaigns, collect community needs assessments, and risk factor data, while collaborating with local, state, Tribal, and federal agencies; and

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WHEREAS, The Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Committee will present at General Council to request to become a permanent steering committee to Tribal Council and the Klamath People.

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council recognizes the need for designated staff to collaborate with the MMIP Committee from each Tribal Entity including, but not limited to The Klamath Tribes MMIP Coordinator or designee, Klamath Tribes Administration, Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services, Kla-Mo-Ya Casino, the Crater Lake Junction Travel Center, Sleep Inn Hotel, and all Tribal enterprises that our members operate and participate in; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Klamath Tribes hereby establish The Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Committee to focus on the following objectives:

1. **Interagency Collaboration- working with the Tribal MMIP Coordinator or designee to**
   A. Develop and implement strategic actions with Tribal programs, Tribal Enterprises, to improve the prevention, intervention and recovery of all MMIP cases.
   B. Develop and negotiate Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's) with relevant local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, and other relevant entities, to improve the coordination, response times, investigations and prosecution of perpetrators of MMIP cases.
   C. Collaborate with organizations and advocacy groups addressing MMIP issues specific to Klamath County and Klamath Tribal members.
   D. Work with the Klamath Tribes Public Safety Department to establish protocols for staff at Tribal facilities to report potential trafficking situations to law enforcement or designated points of contact within the Klamath Tribes Public Safety Department.
   E. Foster partnerships with local, state, and federal agencies to coordinate resources and training, ensuring best trauma-informed practices are followed when addressing trafficking and other MMIP-related crimes.
   F. Find relevant training opportunities for staff at all Tribal Entities. Training will include recognizing signs of human trafficking, such as suspicious behaviors, patterns of control or isolation, and trafficking indicators.
   G. Other Tribally Owned Properties
      - Extend training to other tribal businesses or facilities to raise awareness of trafficking risks and provide guidance on how to report concerns effectively.

2. **Data Collection and Reporting** Collect aggregated data related to MMIP cases, ensuring compliance with all applicable privacy laws, including HIPAA. The data collected will include, but is not limited to:

   A. **Law Enforcement Data:**
      - Number of reported missing persons cases involving Klamath Tribal

members.

- Number of homicide cases involving Klamath Tribal members, including resolved and unresolved cases including Klamath County.
- Circumstances and demographic information, such as age, gender, and location, related to each case.
- Patterns or trends in missing or murdered cases, including timeframes, locations, and contributing factors.
- Barriers to case resolution, such as jurisdictional challenges or resource gaps.
- Youth gang violence knowledge and/or behaviors in Klamath County
- Updates on collaborative efforts that impact MMIP related content.

B. **Tribal Health Data (Aggregate and De-Identified):**

- Aggregate statistics on incidents of domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking reported by patients.
- Youth gang violence knowledge and/or behaviors in Klamath County
- Updates on collaborative efforts that impact MMIP related content.

Data Plan:

- Establish a systematic reporting structure to ensure the Committee receives the following on a quarterly basis:
- Summaries of new and ongoing MMIP cases, including updates on investigations, arrests, and case outcomes.
- Review trends from data collected by law enforcement and Tribal Health.
- Make recommendations for addressing challenges or gaps identified through data analysis.
- Data can be shared with Tribal programs to apply for grants applicable to support MMIP issues.
- The confidential data collected will be stored with Victim Services.
    - The data will be stored in a confidential location as determined by designated staff and director.

3. Reporting:

- Provide regular updates to Tribal Council, and General Council as requested, on the progress and impact of the MMIP Committee endeavors.

Community Engagement and Education

A. The MMIP committee and all Tribal entities will work together to educate and increase public awareness about MMIP issues and provide education on prevention, reporting, and available resources.

B. The MMIP committee will acknowledge and recognize families who have been impacted by these traumas if funding is available, with care packages and/or cards.

C. The MMIP committee will refer individuals and survivors to appropriate resources to receive support from the Tribes and community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MMIP Committee shall be composed of representatives from families impacted by MMIP cases, Tribal Council, Klamath Tribes Administration, Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services, Klamath Tribes Enterprises, and community members, as appointed by the Tribal Council;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Tribal Council within 6 months, with periodic updates as necessary;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Klamath Tribes affirm their commitment to addressing the MMIP crisis and will allocate the necessary resources to support the objectives of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, Tribal Council Chairman and Secretary of the Klamath Tribes do hereby certify that at a "Regular" Tribal Council meeting held on the 26TH day of February, 2025 where a quorum was present, the Tribal Council duly adopted this Resolution by a vote of 4 for 0 opposed, and 2 abstention/s.

William Ray, Jr. Chairman,
The Klamath Tribes

Roberta K. Frost, Secretary
The Klamath Tribes