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RE: MMIP DAY OF ACTION

Dear California Tribal Leaders,

On behalf of the Yurok Tribe, Wilton Rancheria, and the Native American Caucus, we write to invite you to join us as honored guests and speakers at the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Summit and Day of Action on February 12th and 13, 2024.

The MMIP Summit & Day of Action will bring together Tribal leaders, Federal and State lawmakers and partners, Law Enforcement agencies, advocates, scholars, impacted families, and survivors to discuss and advance policy solutions to address the MMIP crisis. Today Indigenous people experience high rates of poverty, lack of housing, involvement in the child welfare and criminal justice systems, victims of domestic violence, as well as high risk for becoming missing or murdered. California has the largest population of Native Americans of any state in the United States and the fifth largest caseload of MMIP.

In recent years, California Tribes, Tribal Advocacy groups, and Native American and Urban Indian organizations have worked in partnership with State and Federal Lawmakers and government agencies to advance policy and funding solutions to address the MMIP crisis. This has included \$24 million in the Governor's Budget to address MMIP, as well as the passage of bills including AB 3099, AB 1314, and AB 44. We have also seen tremendous advancement at the federal level, with the publication of the Not Invisible Act Commission report, Not One More: Findings and Recommendations of the Not Invisible Act Commission, released in November 2023. The Summit & Day of Action builds upon these efforts, as there is so much work left to be done.

We hope to have your participation and attendance at these events. **The specific events and times we request your attendance at are:**

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- **Monday, February 12th**, the **MMIP Policy Summit**. We seek your participation in the **Lawmakers and Tribal Leader Roundtable, from 3-5 pm**. This will be an opportunity for Tribal, State, and Federal lawmakers to share ideas and think about opportunities to address MMIP. The event will be held at the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center in Sacramento, CA. Please attend as much of the entire day's event as possible, which runs from 9-5.
- **Tuesday, February 13th**, is the **MMIP Day of Action** on the West Steps of the Capitol. We request your participation at the **Press Conference at 9 am on West Steps**, to show your solidarity with Tribes and Native peoples to address the MMIP crisis in California. Please stay for as much of the event as is possible, which will extend until 3 pm.

We hope to see you in February and thank you in advance for your solidarity and support.

Sincerely,

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James C. Ramos
Chair, California Legislative Native American Caucus



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe James".

Joe James, Chairman
Yurok Tribe



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesus Tarango".

Jesus Tarango, Chairman
Wilton Rancheria