

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 -63

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA IN SUPPORT OF U.S. SENATE BILL 227 “SAVANNA’S ACT” AS A CALL TO ACTION IN ADDRESSING MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND CHILDREN

WHEREAS, on some reservations, Indian women are murdered at more than 10 times the national average; and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives are 2.5 times more likely to experience violent crimes – and at least two times more likely to experience rape or sexual assault crimes – compared to all other races according to the National Congress of American Indians; and

WHEREAS, more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native Women, or 84.3 percent, have experienced violence in their lifetime according to the National Institute of Justice; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, homicide is the third leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Native women between 10 and 24 years of age, and the fifth leading cause of death for American Indians and Alaska Native Women between 25 and 34 years of age; and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes and values the rich history and culture of the Native peoples of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys, and wishes to honor their contributions to our present-day society by shedding light on the social issues that disproportionately affect the Native peoples of Pomona and, therefore, our community as a whole.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pomona as follows:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Pomona, State of California, formally supports U.S. Senate Bill 227 “Savanna’s Act” as a call to action in addressing missing and murdered indigenous women and children in an effort to:

- a. Clarify responsibilities of Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies (Agencies) with respect to responding to cases of missing and murdered Indians;
- b. Increase coordination and communication among all Agencies, including medical examiner and coroner offices;
- c. Empower Tribal governments with the resources and information necessary to effectively respond to cases of missing and murdered Indians; and
- d. Increase the collection data related to missing and murdered Indian men and women and the sharing of information among Agencies responsible for responding to and investigating cases of missing and murdered Indians.

SECTION 2. That the City of Pomona authorizes its Council and City staff to communicate its support of this resolution and direct the City Clerk to send this Resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate and the Honorable Members of the United States Congress representing the City of Pomona and surrounding regions.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk shall certify to the approval and adoption of this Resolution.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF JUNE, 2019.

ATTEST:

CITY OF POMONA

Rosalia Butler
City Clerk

Tim Sandoval
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Cristi Hogin
Interim City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CITY OF POMONA

I, ROSALIA BUTLER, CITY CLERK of the City of Pomona do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pomona held on the 3rd day of June, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS:

Rosalia Butler
City Clerk