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JOIN SAFE FOR OUR 22ND ANNUAL Report to the Community

OCTOBER 25, 2019

12 NOON, HAMILTON CITY HALL

SCHEDULE

12:00 Lunch is Served!
12:15 Welcome and Report to the
Community
12:25 2019 Courage Award,
Alene Tunny
12:35 Keynote Presentations,
Jean Bearcrane
Marita Growing Thunder Fogarty
Ivy & Ivan MacDonald
1:15 - Q&A session
1:30 - Closing



Still footage from Ivan & Ivy MacDonald's upcoming film on the MMIW crisis.

Meet Our Keynote Presenters

We are delighted to host Jean BearCrane, Marita Growing Thunder Fogarty, and Ivy & Ivan MacDonald, all of whom have received regional and national acclaim for their innovative efforts to address violence against Native women, contributing to Montana's leadership in the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Movement.

JEAN BEARCRANE

Executive Director of the Montana Native Women's Coalition, Jean Bearcrane provides services to domestic violence survivors on the Crow and Northern Cheyenne reservation. Bearcrane, a Crow tribal member, graduated from Marquette University Law School in 1984 and returned to Billings in 1985. As well as having staffed the Browning Montana Legal Services Association office, she has acted as staff

attorney for a number of the Montana tribes, serving as general counsel, special counsel, juvenile prosecutor, and attorney-prosecutor for domestic violence and sex assault crimes.

MARITA GROWING THUNDER FOGARTY

At 17, Marita Growing Thunder Fogarty founded Save Our Sisters, an activist group set on raising awareness for missing and murdered indigenous women in the U.S. and Canada. Growing Thunder has led multiple awareness walks for MMIW, each spanning 80 miles across the Flathead reservation. Her work has been showcased across state and national platforms including the Smithsonian's American Women's History Initiative panel on ending violence against native women. An enrolled member of the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux tribes and student at the University of Montana, Growing Thunder further exercises her activism through clothing design and visual art.

IVY & IVAN MACDONALD

Ivan and Ivy MacDonald are Blackfeet filmmakers based in Missoula, MT. For the past year and they have been documenting the stories of the missing and murdered indigenous women and girls crisis. This work has led to their first feature length documentary titled When They Were Here. They are also producers for an ESPN documentary set on the Blackfeet reservation that will be air later this year. Both are also fellows for Tracy Rectors Fourth World Media Lab and recently attended the Camden International Film Festival in Camden Maine. Ivan and Ivy believe in indigenous people telling their own stories and work to center indigenous people in all of their work.

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