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Chairman Harold C. Frazier statement on the GPTCA/RMTLC/GIC Murdered and Missing Women (MMIW) Campaign.

With this campaign and our determination to see meaningful legislation to impact the unrelenting tragedy of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls, we are invoking our treaty rights. The 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty includes a “bad men among the whites” clause, that speaks to harm being inflicted upon our people by such “bad men” and the government’s responsibility to hold those criminals accountable. Today, the US government’s own statistics show that it is exactly those kinds of “bad men among the whites” who are preying upon our women and children. 86% of cases categorized under MMIW are committed by non-Indians. With this campaign we put those “bad men” on notice that our vigilance to protect our women and children has never been higher.

Chairman Harold C. Frazier – Chairman, Great Plains Tribal Chairman’s Association and Chairman of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.

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