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Savanna's Act & The Not Invisible Act become law today. These laws start to address the epidemic of missing & murdered Indigenous women. Trump is taking credit for it but their passage is the result of the tireless work of Native women & their allies, including women in Congress.

There is little data available regarding #MMIW & a problem that these laws will help fix. The data we do have is astonishing. Native women are murdered at 10X the national average & it's the 3rd leading cause of death for Native women age 10-24. Experts say these figures are low.

The Trump administration uses #MMIW as a prop & shield while they plunder Native lands, desecrate sacred sites, forgo Tribal consultation, threaten us, disestablish Tribes & target Tribal sovereignty by attempting to give control of our homelands to states (see EPA letter to OK).

Every Native family on the Reservation knows a Native girl, woman or transperson who has gone missing or was murdered. This has gone on for decades & action on it is a long time coming but give credit where its due—with the Tribes, Native women & Congresswomen who made it happen.

Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act with provisions to help protect Native women! #VAWA4All #SavannasAct #NotInvisibleAct #MMIW