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## STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN LADD EDMO

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Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

To the Idaho Senate State Affairs Committee

In support of House Concurrent Resolution 33 on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

March 11, 2020

Good Morning Madame Chair and members of the committee, my name is Ladd Edmo, Chairman. It has been my privilege and honor to serve as Tribal leader on the Fort Hall Business Council for the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes and to speak on behalf of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes on the missing and murdered people of our tribe.

Thank you for consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 33 on Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. While there are stringent efforts on other Indian reservations in other states, and we are fortunate not to have the ominous numbers of missing and murdered people on our reservations, any one missing or murdered person is too many.

We have identified many areas of missing information, which includes identification of tribal members who are missing and murdered outside the Fort Hall Reservation, which is outside of tribal jurisdiction, and of cases older than 2000. We also have found that there is inconsistent data categories, with different methodologies and definitions, which makes it difficult to see the pragmatic situation, when it comes to our missing.

An alarming risk factor that lead to murdered people is domestic violence. In Fort Hall, 50% of local murders involve domestic violence. Additionally, our local statistics reflect a higher number of missing and murdered men, rather than women.

Another need is to bring awareness of this situation to our local community, because it directly contributes to retaining confidence in our police and justice systems to support a safe community.

We also have a real potential of human trafficking of our people because our of location on major travel corridors, along Interstate 15 and subsequent interstate travel, to Montana and North Dakota's mining industry.

The Tribes work extensively with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Attorney General's Office but a significant need that we have is to improve coordination with county and state agencies.

Thus, members of the Committee, the Tribes are pleased to support House Concurrent Resolution 33 that is before the Committee today, and we ask for your support to examine this issue in the next year, that will help promote healthy communities throughout the state.

I would be happy to stand for any questions.

Thank you.