



Day 5—Remembrance

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

We all know someone lost to or a survivor of gender-based violence -- human trafficking, sexual assault, domestic violence, early childhood marriage or classified as a missing or murdered indigenous woman. Why have we not stopped these horrific crimes?

On December 10, 1948, the Declaration of Human Rights, a milestone document in the history of human rights, was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly as a common standard of achievements for all people and all nations. It set out, for the first time, fundamental human rights to be universally protected. The first line of the Preamble sets the stage: Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world. The Second and Third Articles are also relevant to the 16 Days of Activism:

Article 2. Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. . . .

Article 3. Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

On this 5th day of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, let us remember those who have not been afforded the absolute rights guaranteed by the Declaration of Human Rights. Those who were not entitled to the freedoms set forth and who did not have the "security of person." Who do you remember and honor today? The list is long. Let's unite and stop the violence.



REDress Exhibit, bringing awareness to MMIW