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Global Indigenous Council Endorses Joe Biden

Today, the **Global Indigenous Council** announced its endorsement of Joe Biden for President.

The Global Indigenous Council is an international advocacy organization representing tribal nations and indigenous rights across the hemispheres. According to the [National Congress of State Legislatures](#), there are 573 federally recognized Tribes in the United States, and 19 of these are partially or fully located in Nevada.

"Of all the immense challenges facing Indian Country, none is more urgent than the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) tragedy that is devastating indigenous communities across the country. Vice President Joe Biden has recognized that this human rights crisis is a foundational issue that must be addressed not by soundbites but by fully funded effective action. Vice President Biden created a legislative legacy on women's issues in the U.S. Senate, a commitment he clearly intends to continue as President of the United States. Vice President Biden was the only 2020 Presidential Candidate to send a senior campaign surrogate, Ambassador Cathy Russell, to the first-ever MMIW Tribunal held in the US that was organized by the Global Indigenous Council and hosted by the Blackfeet Nation. The Vice President followed that with a strong written commitment to address the MMIW crisis that he submitted to the Four Directions and Nevada Tribal Nations 2020 Native American Presidential Forum held in Las Vegas last month," said **Tom Rodgers, President (Acting) of Global Indigenous Council**.

"In Indian Country we desperately need the 2019 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act to be advanced, passed and signed into law. Vice President Biden stated to us, in writing, that this was one of his top legislative priorities. The 2019 VAWA reauthorization expands tribal jurisdiction to address sexual violence, sex trafficking, and stalking. And let's remember, it was then Senator Biden who wrote the Violence Against Women Act in 1990, and then in 2013 as Vice President, fought for the 2013 VAWA reauthorization which recognized tribes' inherent sovereign power to exercise criminal jurisdiction over non-Indian offenders who commit domestic violence, date rape, or violate protection orders," said **Lynnette Grey Bull, Vice President of the Global Indigenous Council.**

The Global Indigenous Council joins a broad and diverse list of groups and individuals who have announced their support of Joe Biden. Joe Biden has received over 100 endorsers from across Nevada, including Congresswoman Dina Titus, Congressman Steven Horsford, Lieutenant Governor Kate Marshall, former Senator and Governor Richard Bryan, former Governor Bob Miller, civil rights leader Dr. Robert Green, and three former Chairs of the Nevada State Democratic Party. *Biden for President* has announced more than 1,400 endorsements from national, state and local leaders, including current and former U.S. senators and representatives, governors, state elected officials, and community leaders.

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