

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Bill



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Simple Title of Resolution: Missing and Murder Women

1 SENATE Bill

2 **72nd SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2019**

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7 AN ACT

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW

9 MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

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11 In 2018 239,847 women under the age of twenty-one were declared missing, 62,371

12 women twenty-one and over were declared missing as well. The numbers of missing

13 women would only grow if there were no awareness. There are actions that are taken, for

14 example; amber alerts, missing people lines, and reports. Nonetheless, there

1 are actions and policies and 97% of them are returned to family and friends, but that is on a
2 span of years.

3 There are many other situations that are just as important as missing women and that is
4 murders. As a community, city, town, state, and country it is necessary to not dismiss this
5 horrible situation. In 2015, 1,181 women were murdered either by a partner or a family
6 member. The number is a lot less than missing women, but these are just the cases that
7 are reported. The year of 2017, 61.6% of murder cases were solved and cause an
8 incarceration of an individual, but as of the year 2018, 40% of cases were unsolved. The
9 amount of case of women murders are raising and the police can't keep up.

10 To reduce these high numbers of women going missing and being murdered, hiring and
11 allowing more law enforcement to be more involved in missing women's cases would help
12 the process of searching and recovering much faster and more effective. Another resolution
13 would include hotline to report missing women or women who have been suspected of
14 being attacked, thus allowing family, friends, and others in the community to help report
15 and be part of the process.

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17 All laws, acts, provisions, or parts of laws contained in the Constitution of the State of New
18 Mexico in conflict with any provision of this act are hereby repealed.