

The background of the slide features a faded image of several women wearing traditional-style shawls and armbands. The shawls are primarily red with white fringes and accents. The women are smiling and appear to be in a social or community setting.

The women of the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition and the Sacred Hoop Coalition came together to create the Honoring Survivors Shawls and Armbands. We chose to use the colors red, purple, and teal.

The teal colored fringe honors victims and survivors of Sexual Assault.

The purple fringe honors victims and survivors of Domestic Violence.

The color of the shawl is red to honor all Native people, male and female, who have survived many forms of violence throughout history, such as:

- Rape as a tool of war
- Our children being taken away from us for generations
- Men and women being sexually abused and beaten in boarding schools
- Native women being killed 2 times more often than other races by domestic violence
- One out of three Native women be sexually assaulted in their lifetime

Our men and women have carried this pain in silence too long. Dancing is a time for healing, for celebration of life, friends, and family!

Please come dance with us to honor ALL SURVIVORS of sexual and domestic violence. Dance to restore traditional values of respect for men, women, and children in our communities.

Dance for yourself, dance for a loved one, dance for our ancestors, dance for our future free from violence!

To bring the Honoring Survivors Shawls to your community or event, please contact:

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The Sacred Hoop Coalition (SHC) strives to increase awareness about domestic violence against Native women, enhance the response, and identify and provide technical assistance.

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