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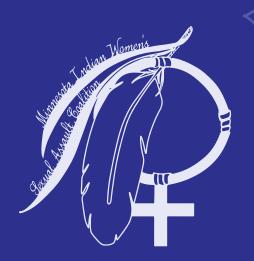
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Standing Bear Ken Thompson (Spirit Lake Dakota/Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe)



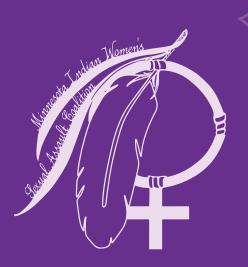


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I feel I have a story to share. A story that others can relate to. My story represents what obstacles had to be overcome, and the trials and tribulations that life brings. A story that does not end with hate, but an appreciation from adversity and that together we can all achieve great things. A story that others can learn from, and learn empathy for others. Everyone has a story, a story of struggle, triumph, love and achievement. Make your story a good one.

Arnold Dahl-Wooley

Leech Lake band member, business owner, public speaker on LGBTQ+ Two Spirit cultural history, suicide prevention, and anti-bullying; first same-sex marriage to be sanctioned by the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe





Equality. Equality. Equality. Your voice is important, use it. It's important for us to speak up for Equality Rights for our Youth, our Elders and ourselves. Learn about Two Spirit History, learn about LGBTQ History. It is beautiful and sacred. We need to speak out to ensure freedom and safety for all. This is more than just a rainbow flag, it a symbol of pride and resilience. A symbol of what has been accomplished over the years for antiviolence, suicide prevention and freedom. It's also a symbol on how much farther we need to go for Equality.



Please hold your head up high with dignity. One of the most important things that I have learned over the years was to love myself. There are plenty of people out there that will try to push you down to make you feel lesser than. Disregard them, and stand for what is right. Please remember that you are here for a reason, that you are someone special and important. So, walk with dignity, grace and a respect for others. Our youth may be watching to see where you may lead them.





Be the Man you respect.

David Sam (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe)



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Be the man you needed when you were a boy.





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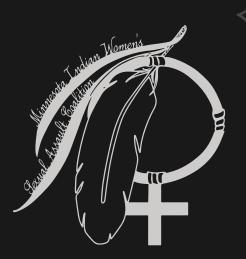
To resist is to interrupt patriarchy, sexism, and acts of violence around us.

To resist is to undo colonial influence and restore our roles in the Circle.

To resist is to stay present, do our work, and share our Gifts as menfolk.

Join a group. Run for office. Always RESIST!

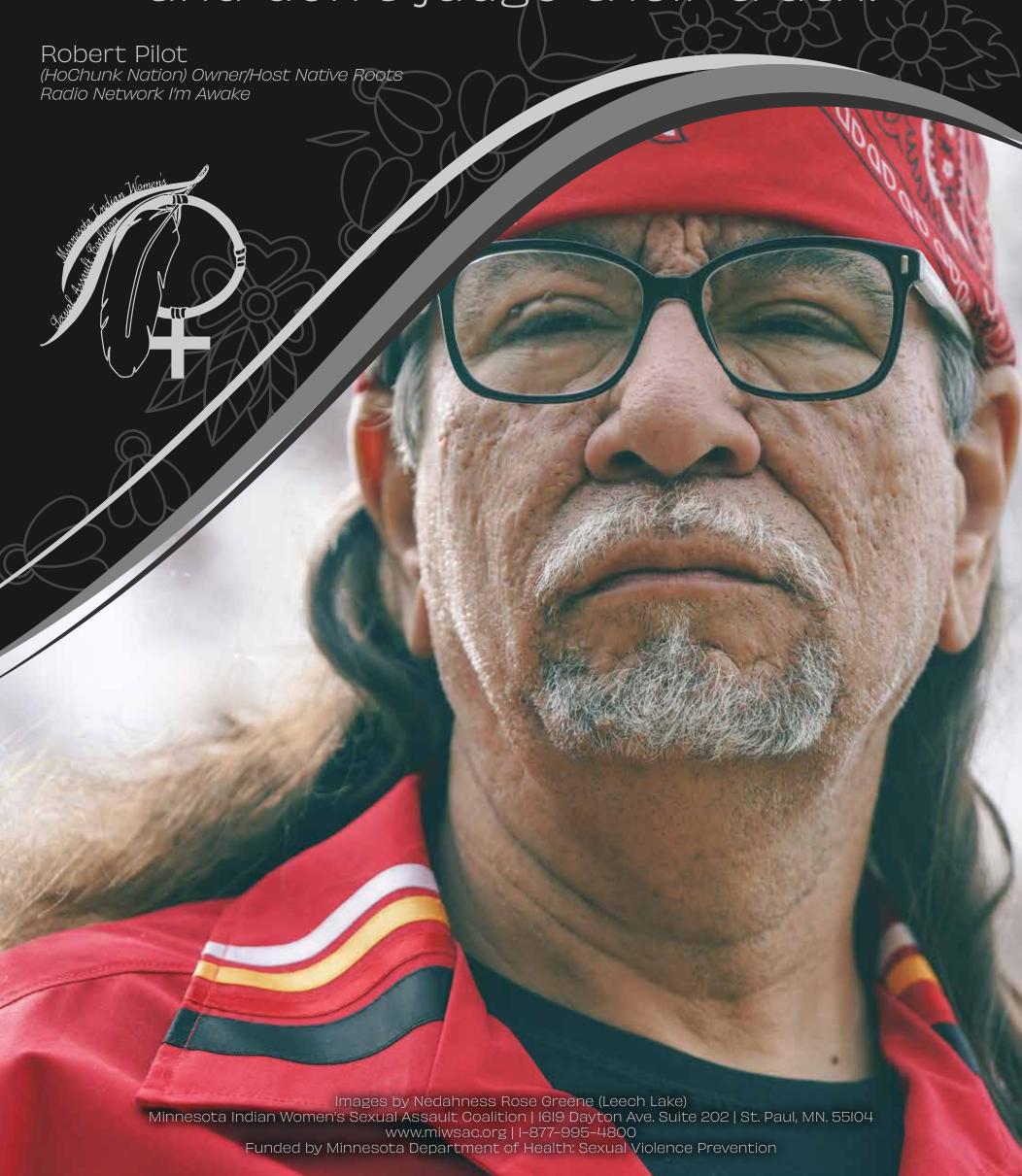
Robert Pilot (HoChunk Nation) Owner/Host Native Roots Radio Network I'm Awake



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As a Native man I need to stand behind our women and support and don't judge their truth.



Healthy relationships happen when we put in the work. Talk with each other. Be tender and honest. Take responsibility and do your part. Mutual respect and communication create a pathway of trust and balance.

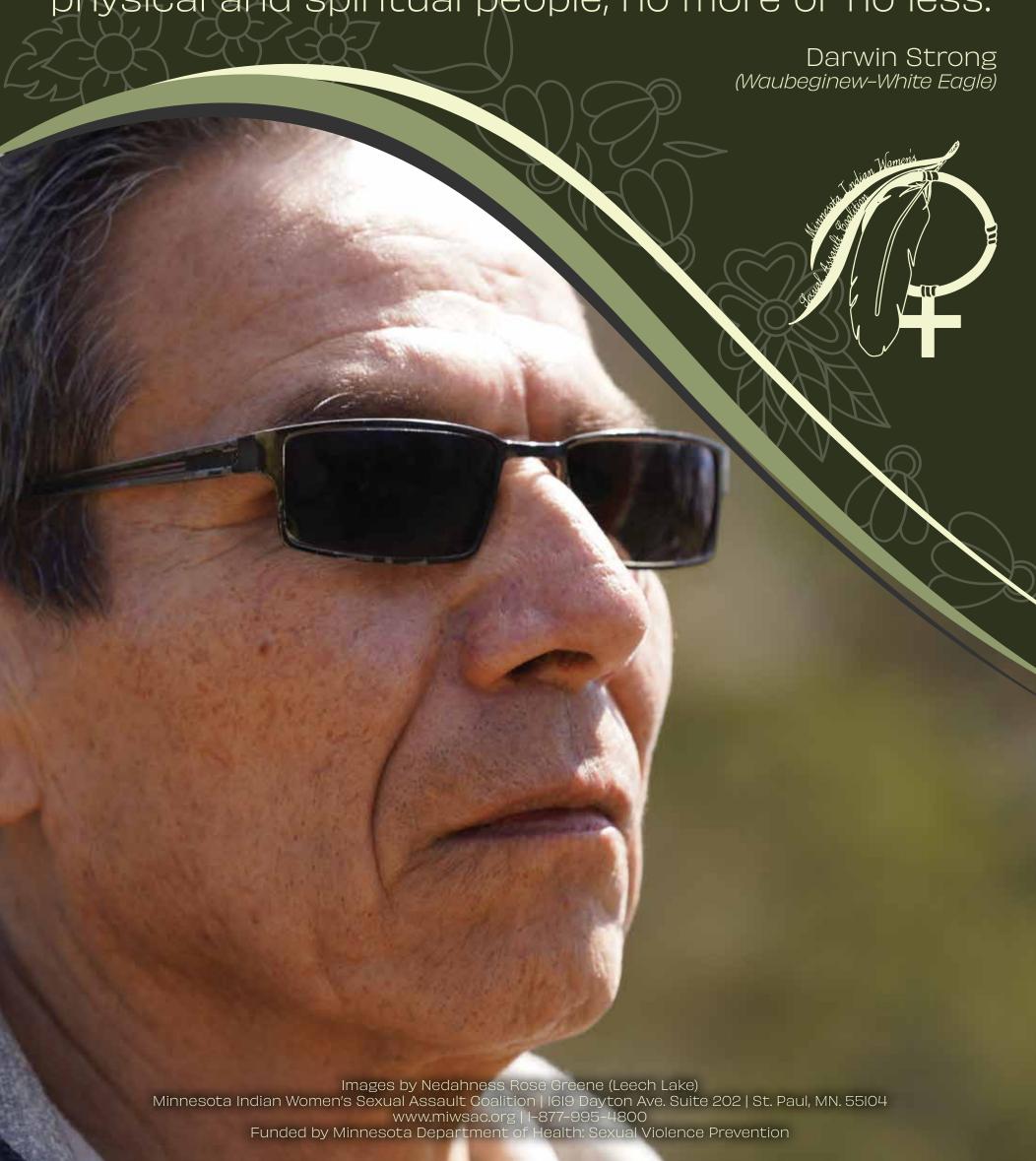
Bring your whole Being It's worth it



If we say that we believe in our youth and we truly want them to learn, remember to have them beside you, not behind you or over by the side.



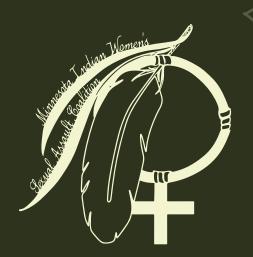
As the Red Nation here living upon our mother, always remember that we have a natural umbilical connection to her. With that we are a physical and spiritual people, no more or no less.



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Our traditional teachings are not for you to change or alter to fit your needs. Remember there is a discipline within our circles.

Darwin Strong (Waubeginew-White Eagle)



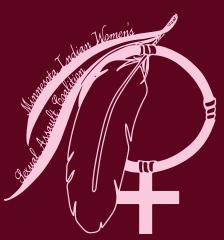


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Be culturally relevant... responsive... literate... meaningful... specific...

SIGNIFICANT!

Dr. Dan Ninham (Oneida)









Acknowledge the ones who came before us and recognize the ones who are here!



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Teach me
to live with
respect, love,
and balance
in all of my
relationships;
with others,
with Creation,
and with
myself.

Adrick and Re'Sean Greene (Leech Lake Nation)



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See us. Hear us. Teach us. PLAY with us! Remind us each and every day that we are precious to you.



Be kind. Speak truth. Work hard.
Stand up against violence. Love yourself.
I'm learning from you.

