CHARTER FOR THE TASK FORCE ON RESEARCH ON VIOLENCE AGAINST AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE WOMEN

1. OFFICIAL DESIGNATION

Task Force on Research on Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women, hereinafter referred to as the "Task Force."

2. AUTHORITY

Authority for the Task Force is found in section 904(a)(3) of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005), Pub. L. No. 109-162 (codified at 42 U.S.C. § 3796gg-10 note). The Task Force operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2.

3. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

The Task Force will have the following objectives and scope of activities:

(A) To assist the United States Department of Justice's National Institute of Justice and Office on Violence Against Women in the development and implementation of a program of research that addresses Title IX, section 904 of VAWA 2005, which will (1) examine violence against Indian women in Indian country, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and murder and (2) evaluate the effectiveness of Federal, State, tribal, and local responses to these crimes.

(B) To assist in the implementation of research program recommendations to improve the effectiveness of Federal, State, tribal, and local responses to these crimes.

4. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES

The Task Force is advisory only.

5. AGENCY OR OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Task Force shall report to the Directors of the Office on Violence Against Women and the National Institute for Justice.

6. SUPPORT

The Office on Violence Against Women, in coordination with the National Institute for Justice, will provide all necessary support services for the Task Force.

7. ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COST AND STAFF YEARS

The estimated annual operating cost for the Task Force is $100,000. It is further estimated that this Task Force will be supported by one Federal Staff support year.

8. DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICIAL

The Designated Federal Officer shall be the Director of the Office on Violence Against Women, a full-time employee appointed by the Attorney General. The Designated Federal Officer and/or Alternate Designated Federal Officer shall attend all Task Force meetings. The Designated Federal Officer will call all of the Task Force meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Task Force meetings, adjourn any meeting when the Designated Federal Officer determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the Task Force reports.

9. ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The Task Force will meet at the call of the Task Force's Designated Federal Officer approximately once a year to carry out the duties identified in this Charter and otherwise as required.

10. DURATION

The duration for the Task Force is continuing.

11. TERMINATION DATE

This Charter expires two (2) years after its effective date, but is subject to renewal.

12. MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION

The Office on Violence Against Women will collaborate with the National Institute of Justice in submitting Representative member nominations for the Attorney General's approval. As provided by statute, the Task Force will include representatives from national tribal domestic violence and sexual assault nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, and national tribal organizations.

Task Force members, with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, shall serve without compensation.

13. SUBCOMMITTEES

The Department of Justice shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with the mission of the Task Force and these subcommittees or working

groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, as amended , 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2, the Sunshine in Government Act of 1976, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 552b, and other appropriate Federal regulations.

Such subcommittees or working groups shall not work independently of the chartered Task Force, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Task Force for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or working groups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Task Force nor can they report directly to the Office on Violence Against Women or the National Institute of Justice.

14. RECORDKEEPING

The records of the Task Force and its subcommittees shall be handled according to General Records Schedule 6.2 and appropriate Department of Justice policies and procedures. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, as amended.

15. FILING DATE

[The filing date is the date the charter is filed with Congress.]

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Loretta E. Lynch
Attorney General