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"She needed a hero, so she became one."



Rhode Island
House of Representatives

Community Hero Award Ceremony

A Women's History Month Community Hero demonstrates how a person with passion and determination can use their life to empower women, address a woman's issue and have a positive impact on women in the community.

Honoring Kali Reis

March 28, 2024



Kali Reis

Biography

Kali Reis, who grew up in East Providence and is a member of the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe, most recently starred alongside Jodie Foster in HBO's "True Detective: Night Country." The panel is recognizing her for her support and advocacy on behalf of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls, a grassroots movement to raise awareness through organizing marches, building databases of the missing, and conducting domestic violence trainings and other informational sessions for police. The first indigenous woman fighter to become a boxing world champion, Reis has attained six World Titles in two weight classes. She has received much recognition for her achievements, including an induction into the North American Indigenous Athletic Hall of Fame. She received the key to the city in East Providence in front of her friends and family. Reis is also the recipient of the "Misty Upham Award" which was presented at the 2022 Red Nation International Film Festival tribute award ceremony.

Agenda

Invocation:

Medicine Woman Patricia Nanawasuwee Sucunon

Welcoming Remarks:

Speaker of the House K. Joseph Shekarchi

Putting a Voice to Domestic Violence:

- R.I. Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Executive Director Lucy Rios
- Heather Martin Mars (Nishwequanni Quaweseh
Kitompanisha — Third Daughter Morning Sunrise)

Call to Action:

- Seaconke Wampanoag Chief Darrell Waldron
- Yootay Drum and Mashantucket Singers
- Acknowledgments of the Tribes
- Presentation to Kali Mequinonog Reis

Introduction of Guest of Honor Kali Reis:

Rep. Jennifer Stewart

Principal Speaker:

Kali Reis

Conferral of Community Hero Award:

Rep. Camille Vella-Wilkinson

Recognition of the Event Planning Committee

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