The year 2021 was an exceptional year of challenges, growth, and opportunities for Western Native Voice (WNV). Our mission—to foster positive social change in our communities through leadership development, education, engagement, and public policy advocacy—encouraged us to think outside the box on continuing our work. We must continue to advocate for fair and equal access to the polls; break down barriers to voting in our rural tribal communities; educate our membership base through social media and in-person events, and train emerging leaders by reaching out to high schools and colleges all across Montana.

WNV had a busy year despite the pandemic. We celebrated our 10th anniversary virtually, tabled at 20 events in person for membership recruitment, set up our online voter registration kiosks, and began installing them across Montana. We were an active voice in the redistricting process while making it relatable to all audiences, regardless of experience in civic engagement. WNV also began building our base in Idaho and will continue to build those relationships into 2022.

Western Native Voice holds deep appreciation to our donors, sponsors, staff, members, and volunteers for making our mission possible. We are looking forward to a successful year, and we hope you choose to join us as we inspire Native leadership so our communities flourish.

In solidarity,
Ronnie Jo Horse
Executive Director
OUR VISION

We strive for a world absent of discrimination and inequality, where every human has equal access to safety and success.

OUR MISSION

The mission of WNV is to foster sustainable social change in our communities by building political and personal power among Native Americans. We inform, educate, and engage community members in advocating for their families and communities through the civic engagement process and shaping policies that affect their daily lives and well-being.

OUR STORY

We inspire Native leadership so our communities flourish.

Established in 2011, Western Native Voice (WNV) is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization working to increase Native American participation and engagement in voting and self-determination. We work to nurture and empower new Native leaders and impact policies affecting Native Americans through community organizing, education, leadership, and advocacy.

WHO WE SERVE

WNV is 11,359 members strong and growing.

We work with eight of Montana's tribal nations and five urban centers to promote community-based, proactive strategies to advance racial, gender, class, social, economic, and environmental justice.
If we can get every Native American that's eligible to come out and vote, it doesn’t matter what the map looks like. It will make a difference.

- Keaton Sunchild
Political Director

We believe everyone is a leader. We work hard to inspire each person to reach their leadership potential.

- Ta Jin Perez
Deputy Director

Looking towards the future...

Here at WNV we're always looking towards the future.

Here are a few 2022 Goals:

- Implement Volunteer Engagement Program
- Expand Into Idaho
- Develop a Leadership Ladder
- Expand Awakening the Warrior Program to In-Person Events
- 2022 Membership Conference
- Online Training Portal for Volunteers and Members
- Voter Registration Portals in Every Rural and Urban Tribal Communities
**We respect and pay close attention to the cultural and social needs of each community.**

Western Native Voice’s education program is tailored to meet the unique needs of each audience. Our education program reaches high schools, colleges, tribal organizations, other non-profit organizations.

The first “Awakening the Warrior” (ATW) program was rolled out in 2021 and had 10 young adults complete the program. ATW was designed to educate Native youth about the true history of the Indigenous people and provide them with a valuable, imperative knowledge taught by Native Professionals with the overall goal of helping them find their cultural identity along with a vision for their future.

Western Native Voice once again offered online completed eight Facebook live events with topics ranging from redistricting education to training on testifying at the legislature.

**We are building a strong base of informed and engaged members.**

Western Native Voice’s civic engagement program emphasizes the need for everyone to fulfill their civic duty at all levels, from school boards to county and statewide positions.

During 2021, a non-statewide election year, our community engagement program transitioned to forge new relationships with all eight tribal governments. WNV staff discussed the 2021 legislative session, redistricting, voter registration kiosks, the importance of running for local offices, and the power of the Native vote.

The 2021 fire season took its toll on many of our Native communities. Our staff, members and volunteers banded together to raise $18,487 dollars for fire victims and delivered three trucks full of donated supplies to hard hit tribal communities.

A new volunteer program was designed in 2021 and will be implemented in 2022.
We use a culturally relevant community organizing model to train emerging leaders and engage our members.

For the first time, Western Native Voice kept community organizers on staff during a non-election year. The organizers focused on public outreach, membership drives, voter registration and voter education. Our organizers attended a two day intense community organizer training which included topics such as communication techniques, digital organizing, public speaking, testifying at the legislature, talking to the media, running a campaign, and more.

Keeping the community organizers on staff created the opportunity to deepen and expand relationships with individuals, governments, and others in preparation for the upcoming congressional election in 2022.

Western Native Voice ensures the Native voice is part of public policy, from creation to implementation.

During the 67th legislative session, Western Native Voice staff saw numerous attacks on voting rights, tribal sovereignty, and human rights. Using a diverse and robust coalition of allies and community organizers, WNV was able to forge new relationships and lean on existing ones to deliver results for Indigenous communities across Montana.

Western Native Voice along with coalition partners worked together to drive public comments on House Bill’s 35, 36, 98, 112, 113, 155, 176, 302, 406, 427, 481, 613, 676 and Senate Bill’s 4, 100, 214, SJ16.

Western Native Voice sent out 17 calls to action via email and social media. WNV received 21 requests to testify via zoom and 109 community organizer/public responses.
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WNV created a podcast to keep people updated on issues during the 2021 legislative session. WNV staff provided payroll services and grant management for the Northern Cheyenne Day Labor Program. WNV staff raised thousands of dollars and collected truck loads of donations for the Northern Cheyenne community during the 2021 fire season.
Help WNV continue its mission to improve Native lives.

» **Volunteer** — Be the voice of your community. Volunteering is a great way to get involved.

» **Donate** — Your monetary contribution helps us reach our goals to improve the lives of Native Americans and move towards justice and equality.

» **Become a member** — Stay informed and be a part of a great team working to inspire Native leadership so our communities flourish.

READY TO JOIN US? SIGN UP TODAY!

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