

## 274 Ats\*

Native American women in the U.S. and Canada face disproportionate rates of kidnapping, rape, and murder. These Indigenous women have disappeared from reservations and off-reservation neighborhoods with little follow-through by local law enforcement.

Ats represents two Indigenous athletes who run to honor lost Native women.

Jordan Marie Daniel, a marathoner, is a citizen of the Kul Wicasa Oyate (Lower Brule Sioux Tribe) and a grass-roots activist. For the 2019 Boston Marathon, she painted a red handprint on her face, symbolizing the silence around missing Native women, and the letters MMIW (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women) on her legs.

Daniel inspired Rosalie Fish, a member of the Cowlitz tribe of southwest Washington state, to seriously begin running in high school. Fish dedicated each of her own races to a different missing or murdered Indigenous woman, beginning with her aunt, Alice Looney, who disappeared when Rosalie was three years old. Following Jordan Daniel's lead, Fish painted a red handprint over her mouth and the letters MMIW on her thigh.

These young women represent the vanguard of the growing MMIW movement, raising awareness of their stolen sisters, aunts, mothers and daughters, and increasing the odds of justice for past, present, and future victims.

*\*Ats is Chinook for "younger sister"*