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OJJDP RELEASES REPORT ON AMBER ALERT IN INDIAN COUNTRY

WASHINGTON – The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention today released a report that assesses the readiness, education and training needs, technological challenges, and obstacles encountered by tribes in the integration of state or regional AMBER Alert communication plans.

The report is in response to the Ashlynnne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act of 2018, which reauthorized the AMBER Alert grant program and provides grants to states and federally recognized Indian tribes for AMBER Alert implementation. The AMBER Alert is an early warning system that mobilizes community support to help recover abducted children.

The Act is named in honor of 11-year-old Ashlynnne Mike, who in 2016 was abducted from the Navajo reservation and murdered. The tragedy revealed gaps in the AMBER Alert system, which Congress intended to remove with passage of the 2018 legislation. The report shows that, while challenges remain, jurisdictions have made significant progress.

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