



MHA Women's History Month

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Ruth Buffalo

Ruth is a public health professional and educator. She is a volunteer to several local, statewide and national boards which focus on improving the quality of life for all people. She has served on advisory councils focused on women's health, women's leadership and local

food systems. She is the former Chair of the North Dakota Human Rights Coalition and recipient of National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development's 40 under 40 leadership award. The Fargo Inforum newspaper named her among local leaders to watch in 2019. Her consultant and independent contract work has included; ACLU of ND, Honor the Earth, Sacred Pipe Resource Center, MHA Nation and First Nations Women's Alliance. Her work includes research and advocacy, community capacity-building and continued reconciliation efforts through education. Ruth hopes her efforts will contribute to policy changes in all levels of government for future generations. She is a community advocate for all people and works to make sure all people are informed of the electoral and legislative process. Her passion is safe and healthy communities.

Ruth Buffalo is originally from Mandaree, North Dakota. Currently resides in south Fargo with her husband and four children. Recently elected to serve the people of North Dakota as a Representative for District 27.

She is also a citizen of the Mandan Hidatsa Arikara Nation and descendant of the Chiricahua band of Apache.

Ruth earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Master's degrees in Management, Business Administration and Public Health.