

MADISON – Late last night, we learned of the passing of Ada Deer, a remarkable advocate for Native American rights and a prominent leader both at the state and federal level. State Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison) released the following statement:



"I will forever remain inspired by Ada's work and will always be grateful for the mentorship and friendship she provided me over the years. As a tireless advocate for the Menominee community and Indigenous rights, Ada was a true leader and an inspiration to many.

"Today, I will remember the incredible person Ada was and encouraged us all to be. Let us move forward honoring her work, striving to make our state and nation a better place for all. My thoughts are with Ada's family and friends during this time and I join Wisconsinites mourning the loss of a true public servant."