



## Media Release

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### **FBI Specialist and 9/11 Responder Will Speak at Helena Conference**

HELENA, MT (August 26, 2019) – The Women's Leadership Network of Helena will host its annual one-day conference, beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the Great Northern Hotel, at 835 Great Northern Blvd. Resiliency Trainer and Former FBI Victim Specialist, Gayle Thom, will deliver the keynote workshop.

- Women's Leadership Network Annual Conference – Resilience
- When: 9 am – 5 pm, Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>
- Where: Great Northern Hotel, 835 Great Northern Blvd.
- Early Bird Registration Cost: \$99 for WLN members, \$129 for non-members
- Early Bird Registration Deadline: Friday, September 27
- Late Registration Cost: \$129 for WLN members, \$159 for non-members
- Registration Link: <https://winhelena.wildapricot.org/Annual-Conference>
- Keynote Speaker: Gayle Thom, Resiliency Trainer and Former FBI Victim Specialist. Thom was assigned to New York City after 9/11 and assisted victims, their families and Ground Zero rescue and recovery workers after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. She also worked with survivors of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and the Red Lake school shooting in Minnesota, which killed 10 students and injured dozens. For 10 years, Thom responded to crime scenes and worked with victims on tribal lands in South Dakota. She implemented the FBI's first direct-service victim assistance program in Indian Country and co-authored the FBI's Victim Services Policies & Procedures. The Oglala Lakota Nation twice honored Thom with their Dedicated Service Honor for her work on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Gayle Thom is available for interviews. For further information, contact Amber Johnson at [winhelena@gmail.com](mailto:winhelena@gmail.com) or call 406-594-2107.