



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday that celebrates and honors the diverse Native and Indigenous peoples' of the Americas, commemorates their histories and cultures, emphasizes the fact that discovery does not mean ownership, and was first recognized by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Chumash people have resided in the lands that span over 7,000 square miles between Topanga, Ragged Point, San Luis Obispo, Fresno, Bakersfield, and the Channel Islands for over 15,000 years, with their population once numbered at over 20,000; and

WHEREAS, the early Chumash were hunters, gatherers, and fishermen who utilized the abundant natural resources of the land for food, clothing, medicine, and shelter, causing the Chumash culture to be considered one of the most unique and advanced on the continent; and

WHEREAS, after the arrival of Spanish settlers in 1769, five missions were established in the Chumash territory, and the Chumash population was greatly diminished, due largely to the introduction of European diseases, and enslavement dwindling to just 2,788 by 1831; and

WHEREAS, in 1824, the Chumash organized the largest resistance to occur during the Spanish and Mexican periods in California, leading a revolt at three Missions in Santa Barbara County – Santa Inés, La Purisima, and Santa Barbara - against the long hours of forced labor and demanding the equal treatment promised by both the Spanish and Mexican governments; and

WHEREAS, all Native and Indigenous people of the Americas are an extraordinarily resilient people who have successfully fought to keep their culture and traditions alive, whether they have been able to remain on their native lands or not, and locally we see this with the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, the Coastal Band of Chumash Nation, the Barbareño/Ventureño Band of Mission Indians, the Barbareño Chumash Tribal Council, the Barbareño Band of Chumash Indians, and the many other Chumash bands, clans, their families, who live on yet are restricted access to their lands, and all the other Native and Indigenous peoples who have been forced off their native land and now live in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara recognizes the past and ongoing contributions of all Native and Indigenous peoples of the Americas, the Chumash people in our County, and values the Chumash nation and people as partners in governance, and encourages the education of all residents in the rich culture that has existed on these lands for time immemorial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors hereby adopt this Resolution to recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED AND ADOPTED Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 10th day of October 2023.



ATTEST: Monica Reyes
Clerk of the Board

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