

County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

Board of Supervisors Room County Administrative Center 224 North Edwards Independence, California

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October 7, 2021 - 1:30 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

1. PUBLIC COMMENT (Join meeting via Zoom here)

CLOSED SESSION

2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT – Pursuant to Government Code §54957 –** Title: County Counsel.

OPEN SESSION (With the exception of timed items, all open-session items may be considered at any time and in any order during the meeting in the Board's discretion.)

- 3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. **REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION AS REQUIRED BY LAW.**
- 5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 6. **PROCLAMATION -** Request Board approve a proclamation recognizing October 11 as Indigenous Peoples' Day 2021 in Inyo County.



PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DECLARING OCTOBER 11, 2021 AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN INYO COUNTY



WHEREAS, the second Monday of October has been recognized as Indigenous Peoples' Day by states and cities across the nation since 1989, with at least 15 states plus the District of Columbia and more than 130 cities observing in 2021; and

WHEREAS, since 2019, the State of California has joined Alabama, Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia in marking this day as an occasion to celebrate, recognize, and honor the traditions and cultures of Indigenous peoples;

WHEREAS, one of the largest and most diverse populations of Indigenous peoples anywhere in the United States can be found in California, where, since time immemorial, they have built communities, fostered cultures, and stewarded the land sustainably; and

WHEREAS, a large and diverse Native American population is a significant part of the cultural fabric of Inyo County, which has been the home for thousands of years of the Mono tribe, Coso people, Timbisha, Kawaiisu, and Southern Paiute Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, thousands of their descendants, including the Paiute (Nuumu), Timbisha, and Shoshone (Newe) tribes, continue to live in their traditional homelands in the Owens Valley and Death Valley National Park; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day is also meant to acknowledge the painful history of Native Americans with the hope of encouraging accountability, healing, and unity; and

WHEREAS, since the first contact with Europeans in the mid-1700s, peoples indigenous to California have lived their lives in defiance of forces of oppression, violence, and discrimination, including the genocidal "war of extermination" directed by California's first governor in 1851; and

WHEREAS, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors encourages and supports efforts to promote healing among Indigenous communities, acknowledge historical injustices against Native Americans, and educate non-Native populations about Indigenous peoples' history, legacies, and ancestral homelands; and

WHEREAS, observing Indigenous Peoples' Day gives us all an opportunity to come together as we learn more about local Tribes and their cultures.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT PROCLAIMED, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors hereby declares October 11, 2021 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Inyo County, in order to pay tribute and respect to the culture, diversity, land stewardship, perseverance, and resiliency of all of our Native American peoples.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of October 2021, by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors.

Jeff Griffiths, Chairperson, County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

Attest: LESLIE CHAPMAN Clerk of the Board

By:

Assistant Clerk of the Board