



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



WHEREAS, California is home to one of the largest and most diverse populations of Indigenous peoples anywhere in the United States; 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, for centuries prior, the Native peoples of California, including Inyo County, thrived in their homelands, serving as dedicated stewards of the land as they engaged in agriculture, irrigation, hunting, fishing, promoting ecological diversity, and protecting and preserving their resources; and

WHEREAS, present-day Inyo County has been the home for thousands of years of the Mono tribe, Coso people, Timbisha, Kawaiisu, and 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, the injustices carried out on the Native peoples' homelands and against their ancestors is a trauma that impacts our Native American communities to this day, even as they still face long-existing disadvantages and ongoing discrimination; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this dark history and lasting cultural trauma, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors supports steps taken by the State toward reconciliation and greater equity for California's Indigenous peoples, including a formal apology to all California Native Americans and establishment of a California Truth and Healing Council; and

WHEREAS, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors especially encourages and supports localized efforts to promote healing among Indigenous communities, shine a light on historical injustices against Native Americans, correct inaccurate historical accounts, and educate non-Native populations about ancestral homelands; and

WHEREAS, State and National observances of Indigenous Peoples' Day – held the second Monday in October – give us all an opportunity to reflect on our nation's past and learn more about local tribes and their cultures.

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT PROCLAIMED, in recognition of the State and National observances, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors hereby declares October 11, 2021 as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Inyo County, and by doing so pays tribute and respect to the culture, diversity, land stewardship, 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