



# County of Ventura

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 2023 NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH TAKES PLACE ANNUALLY DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER AS A TIME TO HONOR THE DIVERSE CULTURES, TRADITIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NATIVE AMERICANS AND CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIVE AMERICANS PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE IN VENTURA COUNTY; AND

**WHEREAS**, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE COUNTY OF VENTURA'S PRESENCE ON THE TRADITIONAL, ANCESTRAL, AND UNCEDED LAND OF THE CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE SEEK TO PRIORITIZE RESPECT FOR CHUMASH CULTURE AND THE CONTEMPORARY AND FUTURE PRESENCE OF NATIVE AMERICANS THROUGHOUT VENTURA COUNTY. WE RECOGNIZE THE CHUMASH AS THE ORIGINAL STEWARDS OF THIS LAND WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY RECOGNIZING EVERYONE'S COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TOGETHER, TO CONTINUE TO CARE FOR THIS LAND; AND

**WHEREAS**, AS THE COUNTY OF VENTURA OBSERVES AND RECOGNIZES THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS, AND THAT NATIVE AMERICANS SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES AT A HIGHER PER CAPITA RATE THAN THE OVERALL POPULATION; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE COUNTY OF VENTURA RECOGNIZES THAT THE MOVEMENT TOWARD EQUALITY FOR NATIVE AMERICANS CONTINUES TO THIS DAY AND WE ASPIRE TO REPAIR PAST HARM BY INCLUDING THE INTERESTS OF NATIVE AMERICANS IN DECISION-MAKING, WELCOMING OPEN DIALOGUE AND COURAGEOUS CONVERSATIONS TO ADVANCE THIS WORK, AND STRIVING TOGETHER TO BUILD A FUTURE OF SHARED HOPE AND PROMISE FOR ALL; AND

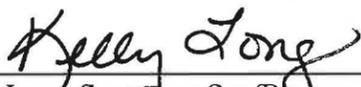
**WHEREAS**, THE BARBAREÑO-VENTUREÑO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, (BVBM) IS A TRIBAL BAND OF CHUMASH PEOPLE IN VENTURA COUNTY AND REPRESENTS AND SERVES THE CHUMASH COMMUNITY USHERING CHUMASH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE INTO THE FUTURE; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE COUNTY OF VENTURA IS COMMITTED TO DELIVERING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES, NURTURING AND SUSTAINING AN EQUITABLE WORKFORCE WHERE ALL INDIVIDUALS CAN THRIVE IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT EXHIBITS DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING AT ALL LEVELS WHILE BUILDING A WORKFORCE THAT REPRESENTS THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA HEREBY RECOGNIZES AND HONORS NOVEMBER 2023 AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AND TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN HONORING CONTRIBUTIONS THAT NATIVE AMERICANS MAKE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND ACROSS OUR NATION AND THE WORK TOWARD EQUALITY FOR NATIVE AMERICANS.

**PRESENTED ON THIS 7TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023**

  
JEFF GORELL, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT

  
KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT

  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MATT LAVERE, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT

  
JANICE S. PARVIN, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT

  
VIANEY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT