

Attachment 'B'

Proclamation of a Land Acknowledgment of the California Santa Maria Rancheria Yokuts Nation

Whereas, the rich cultural heritage and ancestral wisdom of the California Yokuts have endured for countless generations, contributing to the vibrant tapestry of our shared history; and

Whereas, the preservation and transmission of this indigenous knowledge is of paramount importance, serving as a guiding light for future generations; and

Whereas, the California Yokuts have held a profound and sacred connection to the land, embodying a deep reverence for the natural world and its interconnectedness with all living beings; and

Whereas, the Elders of the Yokuts Nation has shown unwavering dedication, profound understanding, and steadfast commitment to the values, traditions, and teachings of the California Yokuts; and

Whereas, through their tireless efforts, the Yokuts have not only contributed to the preservation of the culture but have also enriched the lives of countless individuals through their wisdom, kindness, and generosity; and

Whereas, it is our duty to honor and acknowledge the contributions of these Keepers of the Land who have nurtured the cultural heritage of the California Yokuts and who continue to serve as bridges between the past, the present, and the future;

Now, therefore, we, the undersigned, do hereby proclaim:

That Santa Maria Rancheria California Yokuts be recognized, with deep appreciation for their dedication, wisdom, and contributions to the preservation of indigenous knowledge.

That we express our heartfelt gratitude for their tireless efforts in ensuring the continuation of the California Yokuts' cultural legacy.

That we acknowledge the ancestral land of the California Yokuts, recognizing their enduring relationship with the land and its inherent significance.

In witness whereof, we set our hands and affix the seal of honor on this day of November 8, 2023, in the city of Kerman, Ca, as a testament to the indelible mark left by Mike Cisco on the heart and soul of the California Yokuts and all who have had the privilege to know him.