

**RESOLUTION
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SANTA BARBARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

**Resolution No. 6
HONORING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples have inhabited and stewarded the lands now known as the United States for thousands of years, contributing richly to the cultural, historical, and ecological heritage of this land; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Heritage Month provides an opportunity for reflection, education, and engagement with the history and contributions of Indigenous peoples, including the Chumash; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College occupies land that is part of the ancestral territory of the Chumash people, including the Coastal Band of the Chumash, who continue to maintain a deep and enduring connection to this land; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College is the site of the village of Mispu, which was part of a larger network of Chumash villages, including Syuxtun, the original village site near the Santa Barbara harbor; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College acknowledges the cultural significance of the Chumash people and their contributions to the region, including their ongoing efforts to preserve and revitalize their language, cultural practices, and traditions - and to that in recently completed Chumash signs on the Cliff West Campus Great Meadow that educate our community on the cultural history of the land; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College is committed to building stronger relationships with Chumash and Indigenous people, as demonstrated by the recent Chumash Sign Unveiling Ceremony on May 8, 2024, which honors the Chumash heritage; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara City College is deeply grateful to the Chumash and Indigenous peoples for their enduring contributions to the community and is committed to fostering understanding, respect, and working towards better collaboration in all aspects of campus life; and

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District, hereby recognizes October as Indigenous Peoples' Heritage Month and encourages the SBCC community to reflect on the history, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples, with special recognition of the Chumash, and to participate in events that foster understanding and respect for Indigenous cultures; and

The foregoing **RESOLUTION** which expresses gratitude to the Coastal Band of the Chumash and all Indigenous peoples for their historical and ongoing stewardship of the land, and reaffirms Santa Barbara City College's commitment to building stronger, mutually respectful relationships with Indigenous communities, was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Santa Barbara Community College District on October 10, 2024, by the following vote to wit:

Aye: Trustees Abboud, Croninger, Everett, Miller, Gullap-Moore, and Stoddard

No:

Absent: Trustee Gallardo

Abstain:

Advisory: Student Trustee Tan



Jonathan Abboud, President
Board of Trustees
Santa Barbara Community College District



Erika Endrijonas, Ph.D., Superintendent/President
and Secretary/Clerk to the Board of Trustees
Santa Barbara Community College District