Dear Friends,

On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission’s celebration of American Indian Heritage Month.

As we welcome the celebration of American Indian Heritage Month, I commend the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission for celebrating American Indian culture and carrying on the rich traditions and customs of the Native American community.

I send my best wishes for a memorable celebration. May we all continue to honor the past, present, and future contributions that Native Americans have brought to our great City.

Sincerely,

Eric Garcetti
Mayor
City of Los Angeles

November 1, 2019

Dear Friends,

It is an honor to welcome you to the City of Los Angeles’ commemoration of American Indian Heritage Month.

The history of American diversity began with our indigenous American Indian tribes, and have been a very important part of the unique cultural mosaic that is Los Angeles. We hope that our commemoration will help preserve, promote, and celebrate American Indian culture, and educate our wider community to the special role and contributions of American Indians.

Please accept my best wishes for what I know will be a successful event.

Sincerely,

Herb J. Wesson, Jr.
President
Los Angeles City Council
Council Member, District 10

November 1, 2019
As a member of the Wyandotte Nation and the Los Angeles City Council, it is my honor and privilege to welcome you to the 2019 American Indian Heritage Month celebration at City Hall. As the representative of the 13th District, as well as a voice for Indigenous people, it gives me great pleasure to continue this important tradition in the City of Angels.

I am especially honored to be able to shine a spotlight on the rich cultures and traditions of the Native American community in the Los Angeles area, home of the largest Indigenous population in the country. This is why I authored the initiative establishing Indigenous Peoples Day as a legal City holiday in Los Angeles. Every year we can recognize the sacrifices made by our ancestors and reflect on the contributions of Native Americans who were here before everyone else. Los Angeles is on sacred ancestral Tongva land, and we must recognize their rightful place in our history and our future.

As we take part in the celebration today, I want to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission for helping make this event possible. Some of our top priorities in office — easing the affordable housing crisis, creating healthier communities, and preserving our natural open spaces like the Los Angeles River — are in alignment with the Native American community. In these efforts, we must remember - we are all one tribe.

Enjoy the celebration!

With kind regards,

Mitch O'Farrell
Los Angeles City Councilmember District 13
November 1, 2019

Dear Friends,

We are proud to celebrate the cultural traditions and heritage of the original indigenous inhabitants of the great land surrounding Los Angeles with you and their descendants. Among these people are the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians, the Gabrielleño/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, and the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

Varied in history and character, American Indians make up a wonderfully diverse community that is united in spirit. American Indian Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate and share this culture with people, young and old, and to highlight the many ways the cultural mosaic that is now Los Angeles is enriched.

We are honored to partner with the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti, the Los Angeles City Council, Council President Herb J. Wesson, Jr., Council Member Mitch O’Farrell, the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission, and our community collaborators to present the 2019 American Indian Heritage Month in LA.

Please join us in this celebration!

Sincerely,

Danielle Brazell
General Manager, City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs
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KEYNOTE
Mitch O’Farrell,
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PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 HONOREE
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REMARKS BY
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REMARKS
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SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

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The first American Indian Heritage Month (AIHM) Celebration in LA began in 2006 when DCA produced the first American Indian Heritage Month publication.
The Autry Museum is honored to be a part of the American Indian Heritage Month Celebration.

We invite you to celebrate American Indian art, history, and cultures at our museum in Griffith Park—now featuring the exhibitions Coyote Leaves the Res: The Art of Harry Fonseca and Indian Country: The Art of David Bradley.
TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE & CULTURAL ENRICHMENT for NATIVE FAMILIES

Torres Martinez Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is a social service program which provides monthly assistance to eligible American Indian families. We also offer Self-Sufficiency and Transitional Assistance programs to help with child-care, schooling, training, job search, transportation and more all while developing cultural awareness by keeping in existence Native American values and beliefs. Our programs are designed to help Native families set and reach their personal goals of independence and to become self-sufficient.

Our children are our future and we take that very seriously. It’s important for our youth to do well in school, have positive role models, develop critical thinking skills, and be dedicated to long term goals. To help them with this, we offer educational presentations and seminars from successful and influential Native American leaders, youth wellness conferences, report card incentives, intervention and prevention programs, and incentive trips.

We embrace culture! That’s what sets us apart from other social service and family assistance programs. We believe that personal achievement, emotional well-being, community pride, and self-sufficiency are linked to having a positive self-identity and knowledge of one’s own culture. We’re devoted to maintaining the unique status of culture and language within our Native American families. In addition to weaving culturally relevant elements into all of our programs, classes, and activities, our Cultural Preservation Department holds talking circles and teaches traditional songs, dances, stories, and ceremonies as well as regalia making, languages, and the history of various tribal groups.

WE’RE SO MUCH MORE THAN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Most people think of temporary assistance for needy families as nothing more than financial aid, but that’s not where our services end. Our Family Preservation Services are available to help strengthen families and relationships, enhance education, instill leadership in youth, and preserve culture. Our goal is to provide you with the tools you need so you and your family will continue to thrive for generations.

Cultural Activities · Cash Assistance · Child Only Services · Substance Abuse Intervention · Continuing Education · On the Job Training · Clothing Allowance · Career Guidance · Good Grade Incentives · Marriage Promotion · Tutoring

A very special thank you to
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Save the Date

Nov 19th - 24th, 2019

Gathering Winter Social

Annual Family Fun | Potluck | Prizes

RSVP at www.pukuu.org/WSG2019 or call 818-336-6105

Saturday, December 14, 2019 | 1:00PM to 5:00PM
Las Palmas Park - Indoor Gymnasium
505 S. Huntington Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

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Family Fun | Potluck | Prizes

14th December

Artist: Craig George Represented by Paramount Fine Arts
The distinct community of the present-day Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians (“the Tribe”) originated in the lineages, villages and cultures of the period preceding the establishment of Mission San Fernando (“Mission SFR”), from which the natives received the name Fernandeño. Mission SFR was established on September 8, 1797 at the village of Achoicominga and, for years following, enslaved Native Americans from the lineages in the geographically surrounding areas, ranging from present-day Simi Valley, San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and Antelope Valley. Today, the Tribe consists of a voluntary coalition of those lineages bound together by a Tribal constitution, is headquartered in San Fernando, California and serves over 900 Tribal citizens.
The UCLA American Indian Studies Center (AISC) was founded in 1969 as a research institute dedicated to addressing American Indian issues and supporting Native communities. The AISC serves as a hub of activities for indigenous students, staff, faculty, alumni, and community, as well as serving as a bridge between the academy and indigenous peoples locally, nationally, and internationally. We foster innovative academic research by students and faculty, publish leading scholarship in the field of American Indian Studies, and support events and programming focused on indigenous issues.

LIBRARY
The AISC Library hosts a non-circulating collection of books and periodicals on American Indian government relations, history, art, literature, language, and other topics.

PUBLICATIONS
AISC Publications produces books, DVDs, and other reference materials devoted to scholarship by and about Indian people. AISC also publishes the American Indian Culture and Research Journal, one of the foremost scholarly journals in the field.

RESEARCH
The Center facilitates research through its management of visiting scholar fellowships and research grants, whose results are presented in conference, symposia, and other activities.

EVENTS
The Center hosts and sponsors events related to variety of American Indian issues ranging from showcasing academia works to community-based gatherings.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
A key component of the Center’s mission is to bridge the gap between the world of the campus and American Indian communities; also supports conferences on repatriation, federal recognition, the Indian Child Welfare Act, and gaming, as well as an annual youth conference and powwow.

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROGRAM
In 1982, UCLA established the first Interdepartmental Program in American Indian Studies in the nation. The program offers the BA, MA, and a joint-degree program in Law and AIS.

To help support these on-going projects and programs, you can donate to the Center at https://www.aisc.ucla.edu/giving
Pukúu, an American Indian 501(c)3 non-profit, was established by the Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians in order to empower Native American Indian families. Since its inception in 1974 and reinvigoration in 2000, the non-profit has been leading the way in helping Native American Indian families from the San Fernando Valley and beyond.

The Fernandeño Tataviam Child Welfare Program advocates for our tribal youth in foster care. If you wish to donate to our 2019 Toy Drive that will directly benefit the youth, please contact us at (818) 837-0794 ext. 208.

The Health and Social Wellness Department is working to advance system changes for all tribal youth in 2020 with the Los Angeles ICWA Stakeholders Roundtable. Join us by contacting wellness@tataviam-nsn.us!