

**RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT, RECOGNIZING THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
WHO FIRST INHABITED THIS LAND AND WHO CONTINUE TO RESIDE TODAY**

RESOLUTION NO. 57 – 22/23

WHEREAS, Native Peoples have resided in what is now the State of California since time immemorial, and are here today; and

WHEREAS, California is home to nearly 200 tribes. Had the 18 original treaties with California Indian tribes been honored by the state and federal government, California Indian tribes would possess over 7,500,000 acres of land. Today, California *Indian* tribes collectively possess about 7 percent of their unratified treaty territory.

WHEREAS, the Inland Empire is home to many Indigenous peoples from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, the Cahuilla, Payómkawichum (Luiseño) and Cupeño peoples are the ancestral and Native Caretakers of the land, air, water, and natural resources around Moreno Valley College; and

WHEREAS, the Tongva (Gabrieleno) and Payómkawichum (Luiseño) peoples are the ancestral and Native Caretakers of the land, air, water, and natural resources around Norco College; and

WHEREAS, the Tongva (Gabrieleno), Cahuilla, Payómkawichum (Luiseño) and Serrano peoples are the ancestral and Native Caretakers of the land, air, water, and natural resources around Riverside City College, including Centennial Plaza; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that these education locations were built upon traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of Native Caretakers; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Community College District honors, acknowledges the displacement, migration and reclamation of land, language and history of Native Caretakers; and

WHEREAS, the Riverside Community College District expresses gratitude for the opportunity to live and work on these homelands, and takes responsibility to be good stewards of these places; and

WHEREAS, the District will educate staff, faculty and administrators on the history of the land and its peoples, and in acknowledgement of the Tongva (Gabrieleno), Cahuilla, Payómkawichum (Luiseño), Serrano and Cupeño peoples ensure that the history is presented to students and communities; and

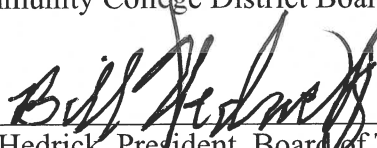
WHEREAS, Riverside Community College District realizes the need to build solidarity and kinship with American Indian Tribal Nations who seek a better life through education; and

WHEREAS, the colleges will honor Indigenous Heritage Month, and with sincere gratitude and respect, recognize the areas' history and tribal cultures throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the fourth Friday in September is California Native American Day.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Riverside Community College District acknowledges the ancestral homelands of the Tongva (Gabrieleno), Cahuilla, Payómkawichum (Luiseño), Serrano and Cupeño tribes and by doing so offer this land acknowledgement: Riverside Community College District offers gratitude and respect to the land's Indigenous caretakers. Board members, the Chancellor, faculty, management and classified professionals affirm the District's intentions of maintaining the land's integrity and the Tongva (Gabrieleno), Cahuilla, Payómkawichum (Luiseño), Serrano and Cupeño tribes' legacy. We promise to honor the continued guardianship of the land, water and air — all of which are inseparable. We are indebted to the caretakers of yesteryears and look to the horizon with affirmation that these lands will continue to be treasured, and that the stewards of our institutions will honor the opportunity to live and educate upon the homelands of the Tongva (Gabrieleno), Cahuilla, Payómkawichum (Luiseño), Serrano and Cupeño tribes.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of April of 2023 at the regular meeting of the Riverside Community College District Board of Trustees.



Bill Hedrick, President, Board of Trustees
Riverside Community College District