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56TH Annual California Native American Day

September 22, 2023--from 10 am to 2 pm Pacific Time. West Steps of the Capitol.

This year's theme: **"Protecting our People Through Sovereignty: Past, Present and Future."**

Contact: Samantha Cypret at scypret@wiltonrancheria-nsn.gov. Attending press should check in for credentials at Media Booth #36 located behind the main stage. Event agenda and map (both subject to change) available [here](#).

The 56th annual California Native American Day will celebrate the culture and contributions of original stewards of the land now known as California. This time-honored event brings together California Tribes, organizations, universities, and state agencies to honor and commemorate the valuable contributions made by California Native Americans throughout history and today.

Speakers include:

- Bo Mazzetti, Chair of Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians and the California Tribal Chairpersons' Association.
- Jesus Tarango, Chair of Wilton Rancheria and Chair of the Central California Tribal Chairpersons' Association.
- Assemblymember James Ramos, the first California Native American elected to the Legislature and author of historic legislation to protect and expand Native American rights.
- Rob Bonta, California Attorney General.
- Tony Thurmond, California School Superintendent.
- Christina Snider-Ashtari, California Tribal Affairs Secretary.
- Raymond C. Hitchcock, Executive Director, California Native American Heritage Commission.
- Kim Johnson, Director, California Department of Social Services.