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57th Annual California Native American Day

September 27, 2023--from 10 am to 2 pm Pacific Time. West Steps of the State Capitol.

This year's theme: "Recognizing 100 Years of Citizenship and the Fight for the Right to Vote: 1924-2024"

Contact: Samantha Cypret at scypret@wiltonrancheria-nsn.gov. Attending press should check in for credentials at Information Booth #27. Event agenda and map (both subject to change) available <u>here</u>.

The 57th 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:

• Hon. Erica Pinto, Chair of Jamul Indian Village and the California Tribal Chairpersons' Association.

• Hon. 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.

- Dr. Mildred Garcia, CSU Chancellor
- Lindsey Sin, Secretary, California Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Christina Snider-Ashtari, California Tribal Affairs Secretary.
- Raymond C. Hitchcock, Executive Secretary, California Native American Heritage Commission.