

Date of Hearing: June 29, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
ACR 208 (Ramos) – As Introduced May 18, 2026

SUBJECT: California Native American Day and the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference.

SUMMARY: Recognizes the importance of California Native American Day, celebrated this year on September 25, 2026, and the annual California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference, to the enhancement of awareness of California Indian culture. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) More Native Americans call California home and the state includes more federally recognized Indian tribes than any other state in the United States. The cultural and governmental contributions of the Native people of California have shaped the course of the state throughout history.
- 2) California designates the fourth Friday of every September as Native American Day. California Native American Day is celebrated in this state by tribes and communities across the state and is a day for educators of California to teach factual California Indian history in schools.
- 3) California Indian tribes are committed to continued contribution to the educational curricula provided by the state and believe in providing new and improved educational resources about the varied cultural histories of, and governance models used by, California Native Americans.
- 4) This is the eighth California Native American Day since Governor Gavin Newsom issued an executive order apologizing for the historical wrongs tolerated, encouraged, subsidized, and committed by state actors against California Native Americans.
- 5) Significant legislation signed into law since 2018, includes: Assembly Bill 338 (2021), an act replacing a monument on the State Capitol grounds with a monument created with the input of local tribal nations; Assembly Bill 1703 (2021), commonly referred to as the California Indian Education Act; Assembly Bill 1314 (2022), an act establishing the Feather Alert, a notification system for missing or murdered indigenous people; Assembly Bill 2022 (2022), an act prohibiting the use of a racist and misogynistic slur for geographic features and place names in the State of California; Assembly Bill 1284 (2024), an act authorizing the Natural Resources Agency to enter into co-governance and co-management agreements with federally recognized tribes to manage shared natural resources; Assembly Bill 2108 (2024), an act refining the notification practices of the foster care system when youth go missing; Assembly Bill 2348 (2024), an act making the process for requesting a Feather Alert much easier for families when loved ones go missing; Assembly Bill 977 (2025), an act that requires the California State University system, in consultation with Native American tribes, to develop a policy for the purpose of reburial of Native American human remains; and, Assembly Bill 1369 (2025), an act prohibiting schools from barring students from displaying traditional tribal regalia as part of their adornment in any school-related events and ceremonies.

- 6) We can never undo the wrongs inflicted on the people who have lived on this land that we now call home, but we can work together to build bridges, tell the truth about California's past, and begin to heal deep wounds.
- 7) The Governor has also called for a Truth and Healing Council to hear testimony and clarify the historical record on the relationship between the state and California Native Americans.
- 8) The California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference will be held concurrently with California Native American Day, and will assist educators by providing new educational resources regarding the rich and varied lives of the California Indian Nations.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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