

PROCLAMATION

California Native American Day

WHEREAS, in 1998, California designated the fourth Friday of September as California Native American Day to dismantle misconceptions about California Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, California Native American Day is a day for educators of California to teach factual California Native American history in schools; and

WHEREAS, California Native American Day celebrates the distinctive culture of the Native American people indigenous to California and calls attention to their triumphs and struggles that comprise their rich history; and

WHEREAS, the cultural and governmental contributions of the Native American people of California have shaped the course of the state throughout history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redlands celebrates with the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians as they reclaimed their ancestral name as of April 15, 2025, and are now known as Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation, which means "People of the Pines"; and

WHEREAS, Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation have been a tremendous community partner. Their generous contributions to nonprofits and government agencies truly make a difference in our community; and

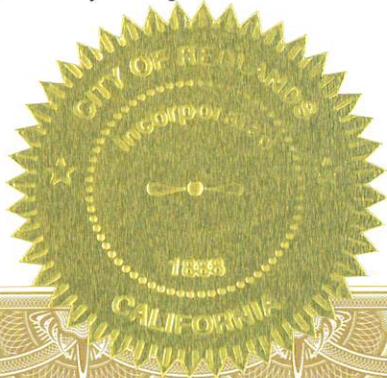
WHEREAS, the Zanja in Redlands is a historic irrigation canal, constructed by Native American laborers under Spanish supervision in 1819. It initially served as an irrigation system for the San Bernardino Asistencia and later for ranches, orchards, and Redlands' domestic water supply; and

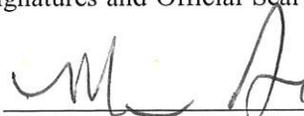
WHEREAS, the Zanja played a crucial role in transforming the region into a fertile area for citrus cultivation, laying the groundwork for Redlands' orange boom; and

WHEREAS, the Zanja Trail follows the course of the original irrigation channel as a historic reminder for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Redlands hereby proclaims September 26, 2025, as California Native American Day in the City of Redlands and encourages its residents to learn more about the music, art and food of the Native peoples of our region.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 2nd day of September 2025.




Mario Saucedo, Mayor

Attest:


Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk