

California Community Colleges Classified Senate Tribal Communities and American Indian/Alaska Native Land Acknowledgement Resolution

Resolution of the
California Community
Colleges Classified Senate
Number 2023-01

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges Classified Senate recognize and value the classified senates' insight and advocate for inclusion in governance and active participation in professional development, promote shared mutual respect among the students, faculty, administration and classified professionals; and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 200 Tribal groups throughout the state of California, including 109 federally recognized Tribes, at least 77 federally unrecognized Tribes and thousands of individuals who are California Native but not enrolled in a federally recognized or non- recognized Tribe; and

WHEREAS, fifteen percent of the nation's population who identify as American Indian/Alaskan Native live in California, but less than one percent of the students enrolled in the California community colleges identify as American Indian/Alaskan Native; and

WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges Classified Senate acknowledges that its 116 campuses throughout the state are located on the unceded territories of California Indian Tribes; and

RESOLVED, that the California Community Colleges Classified Senate acknowledges the legacy of erasure and settler colonialism of Native American people and commits to support ongoing reciprocal relationships with communities and strengthen supports and services for Native American/Alaskan Native students; and be it

RESOLVED, that the California Community Colleges Classified Senate adopts a Land Acknowledgement, that commits to strengthening our awareness of historical and contemporary issues affecting Tribal communities; and be it that we recognize and acknowledge the impact that these legacies have on the people, lands, and waters of this place, which are, and always will be, inextricable.

Date Approved: March 24, 2023

Vote count: 15 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

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