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## The Juaneño Band of Mission Indians

**WHEREAS**, *The Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation, whose villages were spread out over their aboriginal territory, throughout Orange County, from the Pacific Ocean to the West, to parts of Los Angeles County to the North, to parts of Riverside County to the East, and to parts of Camp Pendleton to the South, it is appropriate at this time that they be given special recognition and commendations by the public; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Archeological reports through carbon dating have shown the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation, to be in existence dating back 10,000 years in Orange County; and*

**WHEREAS**, *The Juaneño Band of Mission Indians were know as the Acjachemen Nation long before the expansion of the Spanish Empire in 1769 into their ancestral homeland, usurping their lands, their religion, and affecting the well-being of their people; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Conservatively over 7,000 Juaneño have continued to live in and around Orange County and Mission San Juan Capistrano; and*

**WHEREAS**, *Without being informed or consulted, the Juaneño Band of Mission Indian's Acjachemen Nation, official existence was terminated; and*

**WHEREAS**, *The Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation, exercising great patience, with continued hope and through their own funding and means have toiled to regain recognition of the existence of their tribe for over 30 years through the Bureau of Indian Affairs-Federal Recognition Processing; and*

**WHEREAS**, *The Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation, is recognized as the aboriginal tribe of Orange County by the Tribal Chairman's Association of Recognized Tribes;*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that they take great pride in supporting and declaring that the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation, to be the aboriginal tribe of Orange County.