

# California's Gabrieleno Indians

## STATE RESOLUTION

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AJA 96, Martinez, The Gabrielinos.

This measure would recognize the Gabrielinos as the aboriginal tribe of the Los Angeles Basin area and would memorialize (petition) the President and Congress to give similar recognition to the Gabrielinos.

WHEREAS, Gabrielino tribal territory encompasses the entire Los Angeles Basin area and the Channel Islands of Santa Catalina, San Nicolas, and San Clemente; and

WHEREAS, The Gabrielinos were, at one time, one of the most prosperous and generous Native American tribes of southern California. Long before European contact, the Gabrielinos already had a major society in place with a government, laws, religion, music, dance, art, a monetary system, and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, The State of California has had consistent interaction with the Gabrielinos, known generally as the San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians; and

WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes that the Gabrielino Indian community existed and has continued to exist without interruption to the present day; and

WHEREAS, The State of California recognizes that the Gabrielinos have held membership meetings in the San Gabriel California region for over a 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the State of California recognizes that Gabrieleino members participate consistently in tribal affairs; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the State of California recognizes the Gabrielinos as the aboriginal tribe of the Los Angeles Basin and takes great pride in recognizing the Indian inhabitation of the Los Angeles Basin and the continued existence of the Indian community within our state; and

Resolved, That the California Legislature respectfully memorialize (petition) the President and Congress of the United States to likewise give recognition to the Gabrielinos as the aboriginal tribe of the Los Angeles Basin; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to each Senator and Representative from California in Congress of the United States.