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Yocha Dehe Presented with Solano County Proclamation

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Solano County Supervisors present a special proclamation of gratitude to the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation

BROOKS, Calif. (November 12, 2024) — In honor of Native American Heritage Month, the Solano County Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation recognizing the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and its sister Patwin tribes, paying tribute to all people of Patwin descent whose ancestors once resided in Solano County. The County's proclamation expresses gratitude for the Tribe's decades-long contributions to the local community and its commitment to partnering with local government to support several health and welfare programs designed to uplift those in its ancestral territory.

"We are grateful to Solano County for recognizing our government-to-government relationship with this proclamation," said **Anthony Roberts, Chairman of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation**. "The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is dedicated to working in partnership with the County to address the needs of this community and improve the lives of the people who live in it."

As highlighted in the proclamation, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, along with its sister Patwin Tribe Kletsel Dehe Band of Wintun Indians, played a crucial role in preserving Glen Cove, the City of Vallejo's waterfront park project. The Tribe was instrumental in negotiating a landmark cultural easement that both addressed community concerns and protected the burial sites and sacred resources there, allowing Patwin tribes to continue practicing traditional ceremonies

The proclamation further acknowledges that Native people have made and continue to make significant contributions across diverse fields, including academia, agriculture, the arts, business, environmental science, government, medicine, and traditional cultural practices.

Committed to building stronger communities, in 2000, the Tribe established its "Community Fund" to advance this mission. Through this fund, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation has contributed millions of dollars in philanthropic aid to hundreds of organizations with a focus

on education, health, and wellness. In 2016, the Tribe expanded its philanthropic giving with the establishment of Doyuti T'uhkama, a unique partnership with the State of California. Through Doyuti T'uhkama the Tribe has contributed tens of millions of dollars to a variety of projects, causes and initiatives, including the Yolo County Food Bank, the Vallejo First 5 Early Childhood Education Center, and Solano County's Mobile Food Pharmacy.

The Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is an independent self-governed nation whose ancestral territories include Yolo and Solano counties, as well as parts of Colusa, Lake, and Napa counties in northern California. Central to the Tribe's values is the preservation and revitalization of its culture and traditions for the benefit of its own citizens and the wider Capay Valley community.

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