



JUANEÑO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS ACJACHEMEN NATION

Tribal Council

Anthony Rivera, Jr. • Chairman Fran Yorba • Vice Chair
Nathan K. Banda • Secretary/Treasurer
Christopher M. Lobo • Member at Large
Cecelia Martinez • Member at Large

RESOLUTION No. 01162010-1

TITLE: *SEPUL ATAHUUM: “One People, One Nation.”*

WHEREAS, WE, THE FOLLOWING INDIANS, Citizens of the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation of Orange County, California, in order to preserve our inherent sovereign rights bestowed upon us by our Acjachemen ancestors, rights and privileges to which we are entitled under the Customs and Constitution of the Acjachemen Nation, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Acjachemen Indian people and their way of life, to preserve Acjachemen Indian cultural values, and otherwise promote the health, governance and welfare of the Acjachemen Indian people, do hereby establish and enact the following resolution; and

WHEREAS, The Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation, whose villages were spread out over our aboriginal territory, throughout Orange County, California, from the Pacific Ocean to the West, to the village Puvu in Los Angeles County to the North, to the village Temescal in Riverside County to the East, and to the village Uchme in USMCB Camp Pendleton to the South; and

WHEREAS, Archeological records substantiate dating of the Acjachemen People to be in existence dating back 9,000 years in Orange County; and

WHEREAS, The Indians of the Mission San Juan Capistrano were known as the Acjachemen Nation long before the expansion of the Spanish Empire in 1769 into our ancestral homeland, usurping their lands, forbidding their religion, and adversely affecting the well-being of the Acjachemen People; and

WHEREAS, The Acjachemen Indians are direct lineal descendants of the Indians of the Acjachemen Nation recorded by Padre Geronimo Boscana and the Indians of the Mission San Juan Capistrano established by Padre Presidente Junipero Serra in 1776; and

WHEREAS, The documented lineal descendants of the Acjachemen Indians, whose ancestors were baptized, married, and buried at the Mission San Juan Capistrano consist of 1,941 living enrolled tribal men, women, and children registered as Citizens with the Tribal Council and Governing Body of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council Governing Body of the Acjachemen People consists of Anthony Rivera, Jr.-Chairman, Francine P. Yorba-Vice Chairwoman, Nathan K. Banda-Secretary/Treasurer, Chris M. Lobo-Member-at-Large, and Cecelia Martinez-Member-at-Large elected in successive certified tribal elections in January 2009 and carry on the continuity of leadership of the Tribe since Mission times; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Interior has stated in September 2005, “For the purposes of active consideration under the regulations the Department must identify a spokesperson and governing body to represent the petitioner. For these purposes, the Department has identified Mr. Anthony Rivera and the governing body he represents” and in April 2008 the Department stated, “there is no political question that Chairman Rivera is the duly elected Chairman;” and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council of the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation, exercising great patience, with continued notifications and through constant instruction have toiled to inform governments, agencies, municipalities, corporations, leaders, and individuals of the sovereignty and unified leadership of the Acjachemen Nation; and

WHEREAS, The Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation does not contain any factions, groups, additional tribal councils, chiefs, or unauthorized representatives, and condemns the falsehoods and misrepresentations of the Acjachemen People and Nation by those claiming such and any other individual or group not authorized by the Acjachemen People and Nation to represent our interests,

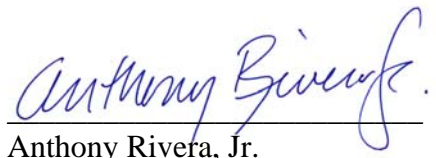
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the enrolled Indian descendants and Citizens of the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation are *Sepul Atahuum*, “One People, One Nation,” indivisible and united from this time forward for generations of future Acjachemen Indians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall be the standing policy enacted by unanimous consent of the Acjachemen Citizens at the Annual Acjachemen Tribal Summit held at the University of California, Irvine January 16, 2010; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the Acjachemen Nation does hereby send a copy of this resolution to all appropriate governments and entities in Indian Country, in the state of California, and in the federal government of the United States and calls on such entities to respect and accept this Resolution of the sovereign Government and Citizens of the of the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation.

CERTIFICATION

Adopted by the General Council during the 2010 Acjachemen Tribal Summit of the of the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation held on January 16, 2010 at the University of California, Irvine.



Anthony Rivera, Jr.
Tribal Chairman

ATTEST:



Nathan K. Banda
Tribal Secretary