November 16, 2021

Marin County Board of Supervisors
3501 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903

Subject: Read and adopt this land acknowledgment for inclusion on Board agendas and during board meetings

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATIONS:
1. Read the land acknowledgement below; and
2. Adopt it for inclusion on written board agendas.

SUMMARY: Marin County Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge the Coast Miwok people who occupied and stewarded this land for thousands of years before non-indigenous people removed them from their land. Marin County was named after Chief Huicmuse, a great chief of the Coast Miwok, Huiman band. Chief Huicmuse was renamed “Marino” by his Spanish oppressors, where he lived at Mission San Rafael for many years. The Coast Miwok people are made up of Olomko, consisting of Bodega in the north part of Marin and Huukuiko in the south part of Marin. These two main bands made up 12 tribal villages. The Coast Miwok are from the areas of Sausalito to Petaluma and stretch from the bayside all the way out to the coastal areas of Tomales, Bodega and Marshall. Let this acknowledgment be a reminder to recognize and honor the traditional owners of this land, to whom are still here, and acknowledge the genocide and continuous displacement of indigenous peoples throughout the history of this nation.

EQUITY IMPACT: This acknowledgment honors the Coast Miwok people who occupied and stewarded this land for thousands of years. The Racial Equity work, that is a focus for the County, must include this recognition and center the genocide that happened on this land.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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REVIEWED BY:  
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( ) Human Resources  

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