



TRIBAL ALLIANCE OF SOVEREIGN INDIAN NATIONS

An intergovernmental association of tribal governments throughout Southern California

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TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS:

AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF
CAHUILLA INDIANS

AUGUSTINE BAND OF
MISSION INDIANS

CAHUILLA BAND
OF INDIANS

CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN
TRIBE

PECHANGA BAND OF
LUISEÑO INDIANS

SAN MANUEL BAND OF
MISSION INDIANS

SANTA ROSA BAND OF
CAHUILLA INDIANS

SANTA YNEZ BAND OF
CHUMASH INDIANS

SOBOBA BAND OF
LUISEÑO INDIANS

TORRES MARTINEZ
DESERT CAHUILLA
INDIANS

Assemblyman Das Williams
Assembly District 37
State Capitol
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RE: AB 163(Williams) SUPPORT
Native American Language-Culture credential

Dear Assemblyman Williams:

The Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations (TASIN), an intergovernmental association of 10 federally recognized tribal governments throughout Southern California, sends this letter in SUPPORT of your AB 163, Native American Language-Culture credential.

The credentialing of Native American language instructors began with AB 544 which passed both houses of the California Legislature unopposed in the 2008-2009 session.

AB 163 builds on the provisions of AB 544 (2009) and extends such credentialing of Native American language teachers to the teaching of Native American culture.

California is home to more federally recognized Indian tribes than any other state in the union. AB 163 would add California to the six other states that already credential both Native American language and culture instructors.

Sincerely,

Lynn Valbuena
Chairwoman

Brian McDonald
Secretary

Andrew Masiel, Sr.
Vice Chairman

Rosemary Morillo
Treasurer