



## PROCLAMATION



09/16/2006

**September 22, 2006, as “Native American Day”**

PROCLAMATION  
by the

Governor of the State of California

In recognition of the singular contributions of the American Indian peoples of California, the Legislature has designated the fourth Friday of every September as Native American Day. For as long as history records, Native Americans have been a keystone in the heritage of the Golden State and they remain an invaluable component of our diversity.

Our state is home to sixty-nine indigenous tribal groups, each with distinctive languages and traditions that have sustained their cultures for thousands of years. Over the years, tribal elders have shared with younger generations the responsibility and solemn dignity associated with preserving the legacy of our state’s very first inhabitants.

I join all citizens in recognizing California’s Native Americans, and in celebrating their many contributions to our state, both past and present.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2006, as “Native American Day.”

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 16th day of August 2006.