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## **State Indian Museum Celebrates Native California Heritage With 33rd Annual “Gathering of Honored Elders”**

***Annual Event Commemorates Esteemed Keepers of Traditions and Offers  
Complimentary Admission for Special “Community Day” on June 5***

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – In an effort to honor and commemorate California’s Native Elders, the State Indian Museum will host the 33rd annual “Gathering of Honored Elders” on Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. During this special event each year, the State Indian Museum and California Indian community honor the Elders—the keepers of the traditions—for their role in passing down the important history and culture of Native California people.

In addition to complimentary admission for the special “Community Day,” a sponsor-provided lunch will be provided to the tribal Elders—which will include the ever-popular authentic Indian tacos—and is also available for purchase by Museum visitors. Native American dancers, community service organizations, and arts & crafts vendors will be on hand to enrich the experience. An official proclamation from the Governor’s office in celebration of the contributions of California’s Indian people will be shared by Larry Myers of the Native American Heritage Commission. Also, the event will include door prize drawings for unique, native-made arts and crafts.

The Gathering of Honored Elders event is co-sponsored by California State Parks, the California Indian Heritage Center Foundation, the Sacramento Native American Health Center, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, Barona Band of Mission Indians, Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk, and Elk Valley Rancheria.

With special event hours and complimentary admission for this special one-day-only “Community Day,” the State Indian Museum is normally open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is \$3 for adults (18 & older), \$2 for youths (ages 6 to 17) and free to children five and under. For more information, call 916-324-0971 or visit [www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum](http://www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum).

***About the State Indian Museum***

*The State Indian Museum is operated by California State Parks and supported by the California Indian Heritage Foundation. Open Tuesday - Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for self-guided tours and school group visits, the museum is located in midtown Sacramento at 2618 K Street on the grounds of Sutter’s Fort State. Current exhibits include traditional basketry, beadwork,*

*ceremonial regalia and hunting & fishing items associated with many of the tribes of California, as well as contemporary artwork. For more details please call (916) 324-0971 or visit [www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum](http://www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum).*

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