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State Indian Museum Celebrates 75 Years With Native Education Series and Book Signing on February 28

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – California State Parks and the State Indian Museum will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Museum on Saturday, February 28, 2015. The celebratory activities will include a special Native Education for All Series: *The Indian Experience in California's Missions* plus a book signing with the author of *A Cross of Thorns: The Enslavement of California's Indians by the Spanish Missions*. The special activities will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day.

Guests to the State Indian Museum will learn about the treatment of California's Indians in the Spanish Missions from one of their descendants, Ama Mutsun Ohlone Tribal Chair Valentin Lopez. Dr. Donna Schindler, psychiatrist and modern-day expert on Historical Trauma, will also be on-hand to explore its causes, symptoms, and the ongoing realities it creates for Native people today.

In addition, Elias Castillo – author of *A Cross of Thorns: The Enslavement of California's Indians by the Spanish Missions* will be at the Museum to discuss his findings and sign copies of his new and groundbreaking book. The “hot-off-the-presses” book will be available for purchase at the Museum for \$19.95.

The special 75th anniversary celebratory activities are free with paid admission -- \$3 for adults, \$2 for youths ages 6-17 and free for children five and under. The State Indian Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located at 2618 K Street in Sacramento. More information is available by calling 916-324-8112 or visiting www.parks.ca.gov/indianmuseum

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