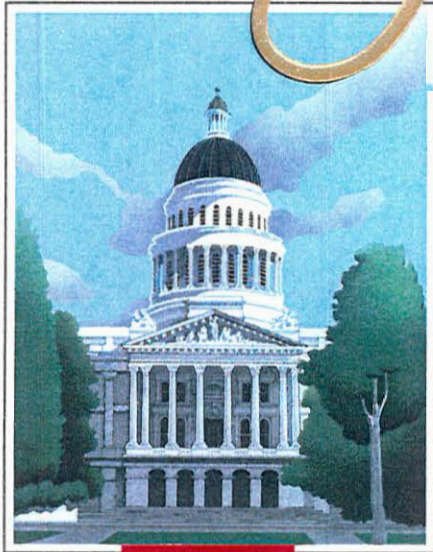


# Assembly



## R E S O L U T I O N

By the Honorable Jackie Goldberg  
Forty-fifth Assembly District; Relative to

### The Kumeyaay Nation

**Whereas,** The Kumeyaay Nation has occupied and traversed the southern California and Baja California region from the Pacific Ocean to the desert approximately 75 miles north and 75 miles south of the international border separating the United States and Mexico for thousands of years; and

**Whereas,** Today, the Kumeyaay Nation continues to survive as a recognized sovereign nation within the United States and the State of California; and

**Whereas,** Of the 18 federally recognized bands in San Diego County, 12 are Kumeyaay/Diegueno (Barona Band, Campo, Ewiiapaayp, Jamul, La Posta, Manzanita, Mesa Grande, San Pasqual, Santa Ysabel, Sycuan, and Viejas); and

**Whereas,** The Kumeyaay people located in Baja California maintain their villages and govern their community affairs; and

**Whereas,** The Kumeyaay people's lifestyle requires free movement within their aboriginal boundaries, and that includes crossing the international border; and

**Whereas,** When laws were passed by Congress directed at slowing the legal and illegal crossing of the international border by foreign nationals trying to enter the United States, Congress overlooked the impact upon the Kumeyaay Nation lifestyle and culture on both sides of the international border; and

**Whereas,** Kumeyaay within Baja California, Mexico desire to pass and repass for cultural and social purposes with Kumeyaay in the United States in order to preserve Kumeyaay culture and heritage; and

**Whereas,** Recently (1998-2001), the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service consulted with the Kumeyaay Nation to learn of the negative impacts recent laws have imposed upon the Kumeyaay Nation lifestyle and, through this consultation process, established a vehicle to allow for the pass and repass of the Kumeyaay people; and

**Whereas,** The Kumeyaay Nation is a federally recognized tribal government within the United States; and

**Whereas,** The California State Assembly recognizes the Kumeyaay Nation and the aboriginal territory occupied by Kumeyaay people for thousands of years that includes areas on both sides of the international border separating the United States and Mexico (Baja California); now, therefore, be it

**Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly,** That the Legislature supports the efforts of the Kumeyaay Nation to remedy the pass and repass of Baja Kumeyaay and memorializes the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service to continue to work with the Kumeyaay Nation to allow for the pass and repass of Baja Kumeyaay; and be it further

**Resolved,** That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transit copies of this resolution to the Director of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service and each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 60  
Adopted by the Assembly this 29th day of August, 2002

Signed:

Honorable Herb J. Wesson, Jr.  
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest:

E. Dotson Wilson  
Chief Clerk of the Assembly

Adopted by the Senate August 26, 2002

Signed:

Honorable John L. Burton  
President pro Tempore of the Senate

Attest:

Greg P. Schmidt  
Secretary of the Senate

