

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-81

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, AS WELL AS SUPPORTING THE PETITION FOR FEDERAL RECOGNITION OF THE NEVADA CITY RANCHERIA NISENAN TRIBE

WHEREAS, Chief Charley Cully of the Nisenan Tribe obtained the 75.48-acre parcel on Cement Hill in Nevada City, California as Sacramento Indian Allotment No. 1; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 1772 issued by President Woodrow Wilson, the Nevada City Rancheria was established in 1913; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe, along with forty other California Indian Rancherias, was removed from Federal trust status on August 18, 1958, under the California Indian Rancheria Termination Act; and

WHEREAS, despite most California Indian Rancherias having been restored to Federal status, the Nevada City Nisenan Tribe has been unable to regain its Federal status, therefore has not been able to benefit from beneficial Federal Indian Programs; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2020, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 20-533 recognizing the historical significance of the Nisenan Tribe to Nevada County and the state of California as well as supporting the restoration of the Tribe's Federal recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada County Historical Society adopted Resolution 2020-01 supporting the restoration of the Tribe's Federal recognition on May 8, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Nevada City adopted Resolution 2020-72 supporting the restoration of Federal recognition to the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe on September 23, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Grass Valley acknowledges the continuous existence of the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe and supports the restoration of its Federal recognition.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of City of Grass Valley, this 8th day of November, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Branstrom, Hodge, Arbuckle, & Mayor Aguilar
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Ivey
ABSTAIN: None


Ben Aguilar, Mayor

ATTEST:


Taylor Day, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


FOR Michael Colantuono, City Attorney