

WHEREAS, California Indian Nations College began with a Strategic Planning Committee comprised of over 35 members committing to a vision to establish a two-year accredited college with a curriculum that incorporates indigenous culture, Native language revitalization, and the re-institutionalization of traditional Native American values in partnership with College of the Desert, local Native Communities, University of California Riverside Extension Center, and the Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians who charted the college in September 2017; and

WHEREAS, Indian Nations College aspires to be the only fully accredited Tribal College in California, joining 47 accredited Tribal Colleges nationwide. It advanced to candidacy for accreditation by the Commission for Community and Junior Colleges on May 25, 2023, enabling it to continue serving students from more than 90 tribes, 83% of which are Federally Recognized; and

WHEREAS, California Indian Nations College has served over 400 students and is committed to student success by identifying scholarship opportunities and additional funding, alongside providing free tutoring. This commitment has resulted in a 71.6% course success rate, including partnerships with local high schools for concurrent enrollment and Coachella Valley Adult School to offer high school diplomas and General Education Development (GED) diplomas; and

WHEREAS, California Indian Nations College has graduated students since 2019 with associate degrees in Sociology and Liberal Arts with emphasis on Business and Technology, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Arts, Humanities, and Communication Studies. All programs meet the requirements for transferring other institution institutions in pursuit of bachelor's and advanced degrees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karina Quintanilla along with the entire City Council of Palm Desert, California, honors

California Indian Nations College

on October 11, 2024, in celebration of Indigenous People's Day

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Palm Desert, California to be affixed this 24th day of October 2024.