

As an important organization that serves Nevada County, we are happy to express our support for the Nisenan people of the Nevada City Rancheria in their quest to restore their status as a federally-recognized Native American "Indian" Tribe. As part of our community fabric, our organization asks that you prioritize public expression of our community's support for their efforts.

The Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan were the only Natives with a federally-recognized reservation within Nevada County. In the 1950's and 1960's, more than 40 California Rancherias were illegally terminated. Since the 1980's, there has been a continual effort to rectify these terminations. As Jack Potter Jr., Chairperson of the Redding Rancheria, said, "The tragic and disgraceful era of federal termination of Indian Tribes has ended, and the majority of California Rancherias have now been restored." But the Nisenan are amongst those still working to regain their federal recognition.

We understand a resolution in Nevada County in support of Nisenan goals is instrumental in the process of introducing a bill in congress. Therefore, we ask for your support just as in August 2018 the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County unanimously supported the Lytton Rancheria with legislation.(H.R. 597). Our local tribe needs local governmental support. If the tribe is able to flourish, it will benefit the community at large.

We urge you to quickly pass a resolution codifying community support of the federal recognition restoration efforts of the Nisenan people of the Nevada City Rancheria. Thank you for your time and consideration.