

RESOLUTION 25-04  
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE ALLAN HANCOCK JOINT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

WHEREAS, Allan Hancock College acknowledges that it is situated on the traditional ancestral lands of the Chumash people, who have lived and thrived in this region for thousands of years before the establishment of the college; and

WHEREAS, the Chumash people's meaningful connection to this land, their cultural heritage, traditions, and contributions are an integral part of the history of this area; and

WHEREAS, recognizing and honoring the original inhabitants of this land fosters a greater awareness of our shared history and promotes the values of diversity, equity, and inclusion within our college community; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District in collaboration with The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians developed the following land acknowledgment statement honoring the original caretakers of the land;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Allan Hancock Joint Community College District Board of Trustees officially adopt this Land Acknowledgment statement:

"Allan Hancock College acknowledges that today's event is being held on the land of the first people of our area – the Chumash people. The Chumash have occupied this land since time immemorial. Their connection to the land is deeply rooted – from the native plants to the sacredness of the mountains to the ocean. Historically, Chumash land stretched as far north as Paso Robles, as far south as Malibu, as far inland into the San Joaquin Valley, and included beautiful areas, such as the location of today's event.

Allan Hancock College pledges to continue as stewards of this land and to ensure that it is used for the mutual benefit of those in our community."

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Land Acknowledgment will be read at the beginning of college-wide events as a gesture of respect and recognition;

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Allan Hancock College remains committed to building meaningful relationships with the Chumash community and to supporting initiatives that honor their history and culture.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025, by the following vote:


AYES: Student Trustee, Enciso, Levy, Ostini, Pensa, Zacarías

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

  
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President, Board of Trustees

  
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Superintendent/President