

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TRIBAL RECOGNITION OF THE MUWEKMA OHLONE

WHEREAS, the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area is an Ohlone Costanoan Tribe previously recognized by the Federal government, recorded as the Verona Band in the 1905-1906 Special Indian Census, and identified by special Indian agents in 1914, 1923, and 1927; and

WHEREAS, the aboriginal and ethnohistoric territory of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area minimally includes what now composes the entireties of San Francisco County and San Mateo County, as well as portions of Alameda County, Contra Costa County, Santa Clara County, and Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area has been working for decades toward restoring its Federal recognition status, which has never been legally or officially terminated by any Act of Congress, with the only tangible provision currently available to restore such Federal status being legislative in nature.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County supports the concept of a Bill being introduced into the House of Representatives that would, if passed, restore Federal-recognition of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area, without any special provisions limiting the rights or sovereignty of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area in regard to the rights which other Federally-recognized Tribes have within the State of California; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that physical copies of this resolution, at relevant times decided upon by the Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Council, will be sent to the Washington, D.C., offices of the Congressional Representatives who represent our region, the Congressional Senators who represent the State of California, the Vice-President of the United States, the President of the United States, and other relevant governmental officials, as determined by the Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Council.