

**Assembly Joint Resolution No. 60**

**RESOLUTION CHAPTER 184**

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 60—Relative to the Kumeyaay Nation.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 60, Goldberg. Kumeyaay Nation.

This measure would memorialize the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service to continue to work with the Kumeyaay Nation to allow for the pass and repass of Baja Kumeyaay over the international border separating the United States and Mexico.

WHEREAS, The Kumeyaay Nation has occupied and traversed the southern California and Baja California region from the Pacific Ocean to the desert approximately 75 miles north and 75 miles south of the international border separating the United States and Mexico for thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Kumeyaay Nation continues to survive as a recognized sovereign nation within the United States and the State of California; and

WHEREAS, Of the 18 federally recognized bands in San Diego County, 12 are Kumeyaay/Diegueno (Barona Band, Campo, Ewiaapaayp, Jamul, La Posta, Manzanita, Mesa Grande, San Pasqual, Santa Ysable, Sycuan, and Viejas); and

WHEREAS, The Kumeyaay people located in Baja California maintain their villages and govern their community affairs; and

WHEREAS, The Kumeyaay people's lifestyle requires free movement within their aboriginal boundaries, and that includes crossing the international border; and

WHEREAS, When laws were passed by Congress directed at slowing the legal and illegal crossing of the international border by foreign nationals trying to enter the United States, Congress overlooked the impact upon the Kumeyaay Nation lifestyle and culture on both sides of the international border; and

WHEREAS, Kumeyaay within Baja California, Mexico desire to pass and repass for cultural and social purposes with Kumeyaay in the United States in order to preserve Kumeyaay culture and heritage; and

WHEREAS, Recently (1998–2001), the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service consulted with the Kumeyaay Nation to learn



of the negative impacts recent laws have imposed upon the Kumeyaay Nation lifestyle and, through this consultation process, established a vehicle to allow for the pass and repass of the Kumeyaay people; and

WHEREAS, The Kumeyaay Nation is a federally recognized tribal government within the United States; and

WHEREAS, The California State Assembly recognizes the Kumeyaay Nation and the aboriginal territory occupied by Kumeyaay people for thousands of years that includes areas on both sides of the international border separating the United States and Mexico (Baja California); now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and Senate of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature supports the efforts of the Kumeyaay Nation to remedy the pass and repass of Baja Kumeyaay and memorializes the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service to continue to work with the Kumeyaay Nation to allow for the pass and repass of Baja Kumeyaay; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transit copies of this resolution to the Director of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service and each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

