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Equality CA Presents
2024 Community Leadership Award to Greg Sarris

Award presented at event on October 5, 2024

ROHNERT PARK, Calif. (October 8, 2024) – Equality CA, the nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization, presented Tribal Chairman Greg Sarris with their annual Community Leadership Award at their gala in Los Angeles. The award celebrates Chairman Sarris' longtime service to equal rights, and was presented by California State Treasurer, Fiona Ma. In presenting the award, Ma commented, "I'm thrilled to present honoree Dr. Greg Sarris, whose activism and philanthropic efforts over many years have improved the lives of so many. He has also been incredibly generous in supporting LGBTQ causes and uplifting underrepresented communities."

Chairman Sarris commented, "In Los Angeles this past Saturday, I was presented with the Community Leadership Award from Equality, California. I accepted this award on behalf of and in recognition of my wonderful Tribe, the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria. Our Tribal Council has generously supported not just Equality California but a host of other organizations and causes in line with our mission of social justice and environmental leadership. This particular honor was special to me. I believe service to others and the larger world is needed now more than ever, and certainly is in line with the beliefs and life ways of our Southern Pomo and Coast Miwok ancestors. Whether university teaching for over 35 years, Tribal leadership for over 30 years and writing several books with the hope of educating others, I've lived my best moments in service. Thank you, Tribal Council and all Tribal Citizens of Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, thank you students and book publishers for enabling me to live my best life."

Equality CA presents Community Leadership Award to Greg Sarris: *(from left-to-right), Greg Sarris, Chairman, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, with Tony Hoang, Executive Director of Equality CA. Photo credit: Jon Kopaloff for Equality CA.*

About the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

Graton Rancheria is a federally recognized Indian tribe comprised of Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo Indians. Legislation restoring federal recognition to the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria was signed into law in December 2000. Tribal lands are located in Rohnert Park, Sonoma County, CA. For more information about FIGR, visit www.gratonrancheria.com.

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