



May 22, 2019

Barona Band of Mission Indians
% Barona Cultural Center and Museum
1095 Barona Road
Lakeside, CA 92040

RE: 2019 National Medal for Museum and Library Service
CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Friends,

The Lakeside Friends of the Library was so excited and proud of our very own Barona Band of Mission Indians and the Barona Cultural Center and Museum receiving this very prestigious and highly recognized award. One of 10 award winners in the whole United States. Our very own Barona! As Friends of the Lakeside Library and staff from the San Diego County Library-Lakeside Branch we are all excited and not at all surprised because of your continued contribution to education, culture and history!

Having visited both the Library and your wonderful Museum it is no wonder that you were awarded this prize. You are successfully reaching out to share the heritage and cultural aspects of the Barona Band of Mission Indians through the Museum and Cultural Center, but also through the Joan Phoenix Library...now the latest edition is your Little Free Library. I love that utilizing both reading and literacy in both the Kumeyaay language and in English has been a goal for the tribe by sharing this information with not only tribal members but all those who visit and learn from San Diego County and beyond. The Barona Band has distinguished itself by not only winning this award but by the outreach education you have done through many years with communities, libraries and museums throughout San Diego County.

Your library, museum and schools have created life-long learners from youth through seniors. Having the beautiful museum and library available keeps your history alive for all. Your partnership and support of our San Diego County Library programs is an excellent example of community education and partnership.

Congratulations and thank you for all you have done to help the Lakeside Friends of the Library and our Lakeside Branch of the library....do you hear us shouting CONGRATULATIONS from the rooftops? So proud of you!!

Sincerely,

Terry Burke-Eiserling
Lakeside Friends of the Library, Chair

Cc: Bonnie La Chappa

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