



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

SEP 27 2024

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am signing Assembly Bill 1284, which memorializes my policy directive on Native American Ancestral Lands in part by encouraging the California Natural Resources Agency, and its departments, to enter into cogovernance and comanagement agreements with federally recognized tribes in California. Cogovernance and comanagement agreements are important tools for the State to acknowledge and address the historical displacement and dislocation of tribal nations from their ancestral lands, waters, and lifeways. These arrangements may take several forms, including memoranda of understandings (MOUs), contracts, and other forms of agreements.

Tribes may seek to enter into agreements to share common powers with the State, pursuant to the Joint Powers Act, which is one of many paths available to achieving tribal cogovernance and comanagement under state law. Where tribes seek to utilize this type of power-sharing agreement, this legislation acknowledges the sovereign government authorities of federally recognized tribes. Specifically, by clarifying state law to reflect that such tribes and the State have like authorities, this bill removes potential legal barriers at times cited by state agencies and departments.

I am signing this bill to reflect my strong support of tribal-state collaboration as we work to create a healthier and more climate-adaptive California for future generations. My Administration will continue working with tribal governments and the Legislature to ensure we can collectively address outstanding issues or



limitations in embracing and implementing these sovereign-to-sovereign agreements.

Sincerely, '1

Gavin Newsom

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gavin Newsom', is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized and extends horizontally across the page.