

## THE REAL TRUTH:

The Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians is a tribal government with a reservation that was established by executive order on December 27, 1901.

# WE ARE A SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENT

As an independent sovereign nation, the tribe has its own Tribal Constitution – a document that is similar in text to the United States Constitution and the California State Constitution. The tribe elects its own government officials – Business Committee members and Gaming Commissioners – in tribal elections.

The tribe is a government – not a corporation, not a special interest group, not a neighborhood association. The Chumash Government has historic, constitutional and legal rights to self-governance. Sovereignty is our heritage.

*Our tribal government works for the entire community.*



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*Tribal government is a true democracy. Find out more at [www.santaynezchumash.org](http://www.santaynezchumash.org).*