



MICHAEL MARCKS

VICE CHAIRPERSON, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
HABEMATOLEL POMO OF UPPER LAKE

Michael Marcks is Vice Chairperson of the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, a federally recognized Native American Tribe located in Upper Lake, California, on the scenic northwest shores of Clear Lake (California's largest natural lake and one of North America's oldest). Vice Chairperson Marcks won election to the Tribe's seven-member Executive Council in the summer of 2022. Michael follows in the footsteps of his mother, Georgeanne Marcks, who formerly served on the Executive Council. Michael is eager to serve the Tribe, and its Members, by being transparent, making levelheaded decisions that serve the best interests to the majority of the Tribe, and yet never leaving any Member behind.

Until recently, Vice Chairperson Marcks served as secretary of both the Tribe's Housing Commission (HC), and the Tribal Cultural Committee (TCC). He is currently serving on the Tribe's Scholarship Fund Selection Committee (SFSC).

Prior to election, Michael was the Tribe's Education Coordinator for over 10 years. Michael feels that education is not only an important and necessary tool for the wellbeing of the Tribe, but is also important for them to be successful for generations to come. As a father of three children, Michael is proactive in promoting education and culture, and the long-term value they bring. Whether young or old, one can never stop learning and exploring new things - self-growth is essential. Knowledge can help one gain balance and inner peace, forging unity with others and their environment.

The Pomo culture and all native traditions possess strong values; it is the foundation that bonds tribal people, it is what connects Indigenous people in ways unseen by the human eye yet connects our spirits with one another and the Creator. It is what binds us together – resiliency and perseverance, a common thread Indigenous people have woven for thousands of years – a spirit that can never be broken!

Michael continues to take immense pride in being a Native American Man, standing up for equality and justice for all, having empathy and compassion for others and for Mother Earth, and not doing what is popular but what is Right.

OH! To the Creator and to our Hinth'el ancestors...



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