

## IDA D. MORRISON

## MEMBER-AT-LARGE, EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HABEMATOLEL POMO OF UPPER LAKE

"Passion for the Next Seven Generations"

Ida D. Morrison serves as Member-at-Large for the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake's Executive Council. She was elected to a new four-year term in 2024.

She began serving in the HPUL Tribal Administration office in 2016 as the Tribal Programs and Services Coordinator. She held several titles in her eight years with the Tribe, including Compliance Specialist and Member Services Coordinator. Morrison is currently serving her second four-year term as a Member-at-Large. She was first elected to this position in 2012.

Morrison grew up on the Upper Lake Rancheria and attended school in the Upper Lake School District from pre-school to graduation from Clover Valley in 1996. Following the loss of her mother shortly after, Ida relocated to West Sacramento where, in 2010, she earned her Associate of Science degree in Medical Billing and Coding from Western Career College. After graduation, Ida worked for Lake County Tribal Health from 2010 to 2012, serving patients in the medical billing office. Ida materialized procedure changes that benefited both the company and its patients. She continued to implement mission statements, vision statements, and policy procedures for the Hinth'el Wellness Council, United Pomo Nations Council, Harbor on Main of Clear Lake Committee, and others.

Additionally, in service to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW), Ida organized an MMIW Youth Art Intern Program, allowing students to design, prep and paint a mural featuring her late cousin Vanessa Niko with the help of family and the Hope Through Art Foundation. Ida has a passion for MMIWP and continues to support and advocate for many other Tribes and entities that also support MMIWP.

Morrison is a single mother to Raymond, whom she welcomed in 2015. She is one of six children of her father, Thomas Morrison, an enrolled member of the Yakama Nation, and one of two children of her mother, Laverda Miller, who is an enrolled member of the Upper Lake Band of Pomo Indians. Her siblings include Thomas Morrison Jr., Josephine Morrison, Amelia (Morrison) Valencia, and Chester Morrison, all of whom are members of the Yakama Nation. She also has a brother, Joaquin Morrison Sr., who shares both parents with her and is an enrolled member of the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake.

If she had to choose one passion, it would be her deep love for her family, which encompasses her sisters, brothers, cousins, nieces, nephews and her heart family. This love fuels her dedication and energy in her roles as Member-at-Large for both the HPUL Executive Council and Habemco. For Ida, family is a source of inspiration for success, guiding her to make decisions that will benefit the next Seven Generations.



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