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### **Redding Rancheria Receives National Honor**

*Redding, CA (May 8, 2008)* –The Redding Rancheria received the National Indian Gaming Association’s Chairman’s Leadership Award on Monday, April 21, 2008 at NIGA’s Annual Trade Show and Convention held in San Diego, CA. Each year Chairman Stevens recognizes and honors people in Indian Country who have shown dedication and leadership to protecting tribal sovereignty. The Redding Rancheria produced its Documentary, “With the Strength of our Ancestors, the story of the Redding Rancheria” to educate the community about its culture and history.

The Redding Rancheria has distributed the documentary to local schools and organizations around the Nation. For more information on how to get a copy please call Maria Orozco, PR Director for the Redding Rancheria at 530-242-4516.

Here is a quote from NIGA Chairman, Ernest L. Stevens Jr. "Redding Rancheria's outstanding documentary, “With the Strength of Our Ancestors,” tells the story of the Wintu, Pit River and Yana Tribes from the time before the coming of Europeans, the tragic and devastating story of genocide committed against the Redding Rancheria people by American gold rush miners, and their long strides back in rebuilding their community today. This documentary provides true insight into the history, fortitude, courage and character of the people."

“The Redding Rancheria is truly honored to receive this award from the National Indian Gaming Association for our documentary, “With the Strength of our Ancestors”. It was important to us to document the history of the struggles and sacrifices of our ancestors. Our people overcame tremendous obstacles to reach the successes today. Telling the history to the young people of our Tribe and their children not born yet is critical to their identity and the continued success of our Tribe. The documentary helps the Tribe to educate the Community about



**California Native Americans history and our cultures,” said Barbara Murphy, Redding Rancheria Tribal Chairperson.**

*Redding Rancheria is a federally recognized Tribe with Pit River, Wintu and Yana people where pride in Tribal culture, history and identity is evident internally and in the larger community. Redding Rancheria is a leader in the constructive development of its people, the larger Indian community and the Redding region.*