



# MUWEKMA OHLONE INDIAN TRIBE

OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA REGION

**'Innu Huššištak Makiš Mak-Muwekma "The Road To The Future For Our People"**

Gloria E. Arellano-Gomez is a member of the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area. Gloria is a Former Council Member and Secretary for the Muwekma Ohlone Tribal Council. Her Tribe is currently seeking restoration as a Federally Recognized Tribe. As one of the speakers of her Tribe's Muwekma Ohlone Chochenyo language, Gloria proudly sits on the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe Language Committee and is proactive in the revitalization and utilization of their native Chochenyo language.

All of Gloria's paternal **Ohlone ancestors** were missionized into Mission San Jose and Mission Dolores. Her lineage is descended from her (four-greats)-grandmother Efrena Quennatole (born 1797) who was of the Karkin Ohlone/Napian Tribe (Northern San Francisco Bay) and her (four-greats)-grandfather, Liberato Culpece (born 1787), baptized at Mission Dolores and who was of the **Jalquin Ohlone Tribe of the greater Hayward/San Lorenzo/San Leandro and south Oakland area.**

Gloria's great grandmother was Mercedes Marine. Mercedes was born in 1895 on the Alisal Rancheria in Pleasanton, CA. She was baptized at Mission San Jose and buried at the Ohlone Cemetery in Fremont, CA. Mercedes' godparents were *Capitan* Jose Antonio (Chief) and his wife Jacoba, a *Máyyin* (female leader) of the **Previous Federally Recognized Verona Band of Alameda County**, whose descendants are currently enrolled in the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Gloria's grandfather, Albert Marine Arellano, was born in 1909 and baptized at Mission San Jose. He and his family lived in **Russell City, CA** which is **now the city of Hayward, Jalquin/Yrgin Ancestral Muwekma Ohlone Territory.** Gloria's father, Joel C. Arellano, Sr. (recently deceased), was a respected Elder in the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe and served as Chairman of the Muwekma Elder's Council.

Gloria has the **honor of giving Opening Blessings and Land Acknowledgments** to her ancestral homeland, at events throughout the Bay Area. She also has the honor of saying prayers in her native Muwekma Ohlone Chochenyo language, at many of those events.

Gloria lives in San Lorenzo Jalquin/Yrgin Ancestral Muwekma Ohlone Territory, with her husband Jorge and their two daughters, Isabella 'Amne and Georgiana Kormey. As a speaker of Chochenyo, she thought that it was meaningful to give her daughters Chochenyo names. Her eldest daughter's middle name is 'Amne which means "rain" in Chochenyo, and her youngest daughter's middle name is Kormey, which means "moon" in Chochenyo. Gloria is a devoted wife and mother who keeps busy with her family responsibilities. She and her family are **devoted to their Tribe's cause** and enjoy helping in the Tribe's information and exhibit booth, at events throughout the Bay Area. Gloria's daughters are her source of inspiration in the important work that she does to preserve her Muwekma Ohlone Tribe's language, culture, and heritage. Aho!



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*"Mišk hityupe nonwente  
mak holše  
Muwékma noono.  
I love to speak our beautiful  
Muwekma Language."*