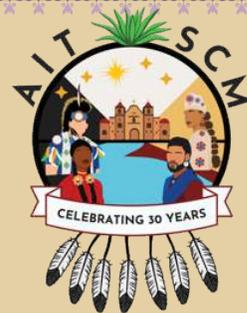


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Statement on the Passing of Jonathan Joss



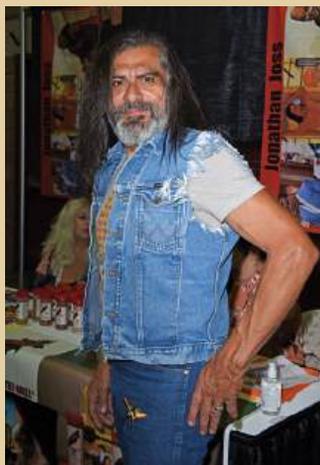
On Behalf of *American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions (AIT-SCM)*, we extend our deepest condolences and heartfelt prayers to the family, loved ones, and community of Jonathan Joss, whose life was tragically and unjustly taken. He was not only a beloved actor and artist but also a powerful voice for Indigenous representation and cultural pride. He was a friend and relative, and we at AIT-SCM were deeply honored by his support—especially around our efforts regarding intimate partner violence and the *Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIWP)* crisis. Jonathan's lifelong contributions and dedication to elevating Native visibility have had a profound impact on many, and his absence leaves a significant void.

In honor of Jonathan's life and legacy, we reaffirm our commitment to the sacred work of remembrance, resistance, and protection of our people. May his spirit journey in peace, and may his memory fuel the fire of justice and healing for all Indigenous nations.

A Call for Accountability and Change | 6.6.25

The loss of Jonathan Joss continues to echo through our communities, leaving behind deep sorrow and a collective urgency that calls us to reflection, healing, and action. He was more than a gifted actor. Jonathan identified as a proud Comanche and White Mountain Apache descendant, an artist, an advocate, and a member of the LGBTQIA2S+ community. He was a friend, a relative, and a person deserving of dignity, care, and protection.

Jonathan's life mattered. The circumstances surrounding his death demand serious attention, not only from our communities but also from the institutions



Jonathan Joss Gonzáles, a native of San Antonio and an actor, was best known for his roles as John Redcorn in *King of the Hill* and as Chief Ken Hotate in *Parks and Recreation*. He was fatally shot by a neighbor in San Antonio outside his childhood home on June 1, 2025 in a suspected hate crime. An investigation is ongoing in response to community outcry.

entrusted with our safety and well-being. We must do more than mourn. We must build, demand, and implement systems capable of responding to the full complexity of identity and need.

American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions calls on SAPD and SAFFE to:

- Conduct a public review of SAPD's engagement with Jonathan Joss, including referrals, officer conduct, and gaps in policy.
- Mandate ongoing, culturally responsive training that includes Indigenous perspectives, LGBTQIA2S+ affirming practices, and trauma-informed de-escalation. Establish formal and collaborative partnerships with culturally competent service providers, such as AIT-SCM and the *Pride Center San Antonio*.
- Publicly release accountability measures, next steps, and actionable items to prevent future tragedies.

Jonathan Joss's life mattered. He deserved care. He deserved intervention. He deserved to be seen and supported.

As we continue to mourn his loss, we do so with a growing fire to ensure no one else is met with the same silence and inaction.

To our LGBTQIA2S+ and Native relatives, especially during *Pride Month* and beyond, we see you. You matter. And we will continue to fight for systems that reflect that truth in both word and action.

In solidarity, Ramon J. Vásquez, Executive Director *American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions*, info@aitscm.org

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The Esperanza Peace and Justice Center joins AIT-SCM in honoring Jonathan Joss's life and calling for a thorough investigation of his killing. We denounce the continuation of gun violence and hate crimes targeting communities of color and indigenous and LGBTQIA2S+ people. ¡Jonathan Joss, presente!*