THE NEW HAVEN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 013-2627

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH
November 2026

WHEREAS, Native Americans are the original Indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States and the first stewards of these lands; and

WHEREAS, the Indigenous peoples of California maintained rich, thriving, and diverse cultures long before European colonization; and

WHEREAS, the Ohlone Chochenyo people are the ancestral inhabitants of the region extending from the San Francisco Bay to the lower Salinas Valley, serving as the original stewards of the East Bay—including what is now Union City and Alameda County—and whose heritage remains deeply woven into our community's fabric; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have made and continue to make invaluable contributions to our nation's history, economy, culture, and public life as academics, entrepreneurs, artists, educators, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Native American heritage fosters a deeper understanding of our shared past and supports a more inclusive and equitable future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Haven Unified School District recognizes and celebrates November 2026 as Native American Heritage Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board encourages students, staff, and community members to participate in educational observances and activities honoring the history, cultures, sovereign rights, and contributions of Native Americans; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board affirms its commitment to supporting the academic success, well-being, and cultural pride of Native American students, and to integrating Native American perspectives, histories, and contemporary experiences into the District curriculum.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of October 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

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Dr. John Thompson, Superintendent
New Haven Unified School District
County of Alameda, State of California