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Resolution No. 2023/24-15  
Date: September 27, 2023

## Resolution Proclaiming October 12, 2023 As Indigenous Peoples' Day

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Rosa City Schools Board of Education (“Board”) recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contributions that have shaped our district; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes the fact that the Santa Rosa City Schools District is built upon the traditional homelands, villages and use areas of the Pomo of this region, without whom the building of the district would not be possible; and

**WHEREAS**, in part the District’s mission is to recognize and value each student's individuality and our community's cultural wealth; and the Strategic Plan prioritizes grounding our work in a deep understanding of students’ identities and the historical and cultural contexts in which we all operate; and

**WHEREAS**, the idea of Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States federal government recognizes Columbus Day on the second Monday of October, in accordance with the federal holiday established in 1937; and

**WHEREAS**, in AB 2016, the California Legislature has found and declared that the implementation of various ethnic studies courses within California’s curriculum that are A-G approved, with the objective of preparing pupils to be global citizens with an appreciation for the contributions of multiple cultures, will close the achievement gap, reduce pupil truancy, increase pupil enrollment, reduce dropout rates, and increase graduation rates.

**WHEREAS**, in AB 738, the California Legislature has found and declared that instructional materials that incorporate Native American history, culture, and sovereignty, contemporary issues of historic and modern Native Americans, and the relationship and place of historic and modern Native Americans in

our diverse governmental, racial, and cultural communities will provide California’s children with a more complete education and academic preparation to interact in today’s world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cloverdale Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California, Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria, Koi Nation of Northern California, and Lytton Band of Pomo Indians, and Mishewal Wappo Indians of Alexander Valley are tribal nations with roots in Sonoma County.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Rosa City Schools District Board of Education recognize October 12th as Indigenous Peoples’ Day and take steps toward publishing this day in official district materials; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District shall celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 12 as a day used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Miwok, Pomo, Wappo and other Indigenous nations and people add to our District and County; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, in honor of Indigenous Peoples’ Day, the District shall commit to invite the Cloverdale Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California, Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria, Koi Nation of Northern California, and Lytton Band of Pomo Indians, and Mishewal Wappo Indians of Alexander Valley to participate in providing input towards the development of a localized Native American studies model curriculum.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the following vote of the Governing Board of Santa Rosa City Schools, County of Sonoma, State of California on September 27, 2023.

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Ever Flores, Clerk of the Board

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