

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Endorsing Indigenous Peoples' Day**

**WHEREAS**, indigenous people were the first inhabitants of the Americas; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, the California Legislature adopted State Assembly Joint Resolution No. 42, which calls for "increased awareness, sensitivity, and respect for issues of sovereignty related to heritage of Native Americans and indigenous peoples," to express our state's commitment to the principles of the United Nations Declarations of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples' Day asks all Americans to reconsider the history of their country from that perspective; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples' Day highlights a commitment to ensure educational equity and access to support American Indian learners to thrive academically; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples' Day encourages schools and districts to adopt practices and programs that value and use students' languages and cultural assets to promote long-term academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, San Diego County has 18 federally recognized American Indian reservations, more than any other county in the nation, and about 2,500 Native American students in the county's K-12 public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) calls on educators to celebrate the history, resilience, and contributions of Indigenous people

**WHEREAS**, SDCOE is working with local school districts to improve the academic experience for Native American students through the California Indian Education for All Project; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated nationally on the second Monday of each October (this year Oct. 11, 2021) and the Indigenous Peoples' Day Teach-In is held nationally on the second Tuesday; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Diego County Board of Education hereby endorses Indigenous People's Day.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021 at the regular meeting of the San Diego County Board of Education.

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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