

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY AND
NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
RESOLUTION No. 2692-1**

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day is nationally celebrated on the second Monday of October and the month of November is National Native American Heritage Month. The Santa Clara County Board of Education is honored to recognize and celebrate local and national Indigenous people and communities, and the significant contributions made to grow the United States (U.S.); and

WHEREAS, former Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 2016 to develop a model curriculum for ethnic studies in high schools that would also include Native American history and culture. To further promote and deepen the lessons of Native American history, former Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 738 in 2017, which required the state's Instructional Quality Commission to create a Native American studies class curriculum for high schools that satisfies the elective course requirements for admission to the University of California and California State Universities; and

WHEREAS, as of 2020, more than [3.7 million](#) people identified as solely American Indian and Alaska Native. Additionally, nearly six million identified themselves as American Indian and Alaska Native and another race group; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Education reported that in the 2025-2026 school year, statewide enrollment of American Indian/Alaskan Native students was [0.4 percent](#) of total enrollment and [0.3 percent](#) in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous people, in particular the Muwekma Ohlone, Amah Mutsun, and Tamien tribal communities, of the Santa Clara Valley region have distinct, rich cultures binding them to the Earth and all of its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, such organizations as The Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS), with its five Santa Clara County chapters, are committed to supporting and advancing Native Americans in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education and careers; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Office of Education is committed to providing schools and districts with resources and supports to implement the state history social-science standards and civic engagement, and promote understanding of economics, geography, world and U.S. history, and government in schools; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools do hereby adopt this resolution to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day in October and November as National Native American Heritage Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on October 7, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Raeena Lari, Maimona Afzal Berta, Don Rocha, Victoria Chon, Jessica Speiser, Jorge Pacheco

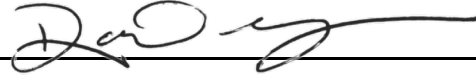
NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Tara Sreekrishnan

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Victoria Chon, President
Santa Clara County Board of Education

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Dr. David M. Toston, Sr.
County Superintendent of Schools