



**RESOLUTION  
RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RESOLUTION No. 2232-3**

**WHEREAS**, from November 1, 2018, through November 30, 2018, the United States celebrates National Native American Heritage Month; and

**Whereas**, National Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to consider and recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the history of the United States; and

**Whereas**, Native Americans are descendants of the original, indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States; and

**Whereas**, the Santa Clara County Office of Education is committed to improving the academic and social-emotional outcomes for Native American students and all students in the region; and

**Whereas**, Gov. Jerry Brown signed AB 738, which requires the state's Instructional Quality Commission to create a Native American studies class curriculum for high schools that will satisfy the elective course requirements for admission to the University of California and California State and AB 2016, which creates an elective high school ethnic studies course that could also include Native American history and culture; and

**Whereas**, the Bureau of the Census estimated that, in 2010, there were more than 5,000,000 individuals of Native American descent in the United States and approximately 20,000 in Santa Clara County; and

**Whereas**, 2017 Dataquest information indicates there are 32,500 Native American students in California and 893 in Santa Clara County, who can access education and health services through the American Indian Child Resource Center in Alameda and the Indian Health Center of Santa Clara Valley; and

**Whereas**, Native Americans maintain vibrant cultures and traditions and hold a deeply rooted sense of community and the Bay Area's original inhabitants include Ohlone, Bay Miwok and Northern Valley Yokuts and have made distinct and important contributions to the United States and the rest of the world in many fields, including the fields of agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art; and

**Whereas**, some important local artists include basket maker Leah Mata, Doctor of Traditional Medicine Mona Stonefish, Huichol Artist Luciano Valdez, and Poet Andrew Schilling; and

**Whereas**, local Native American leaders like Muwekma Ohlone Tribe Chair Rose Mary Cambra, Winnebago and Chippewaw attorney Colin Cloud Hampson, Amah Mutsun Tribal Band Chair Valentin Lopez, and Indian Canyon Tribal Chair Ann Marie Sayers have sustained Native American culture and traditions and shared them with students, scholars, and the community.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Clara County Board of Education and the County Superintendent of Schools recognizes the month of November 2018 as "National Native American Heritage Month" and recognizes the Friday after Thanksgiving as "Native American Heritage Day" in

accordance with section 2(10) of the Native American Heritage Day Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–33; 123 Stat. 1923); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the SCCOE urges school districts in Santa Clara County to observe National Native American Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day with appropriate programs and activities.

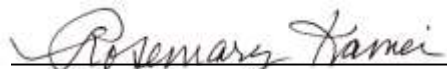
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the County Board of Education at a meeting held on October 24 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: President Kamei, Vice President Song, Trustees Di Salvo, King, Rossi, and Mah

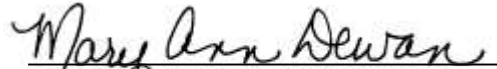
NOES: --none--

ABSTAIN: --none--

ABSENT: Trustee Green



Rosemary Kamei, President  
Santa Clara County Board of Education



Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.  
County Superintendent of Schools