



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 8.2

Meeting Date: November 3, 2022

Subject: Approve Resolution No. 3295: Recognition of Native American Heritage Month

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: _____)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

Division: Deputy Superintendent/Youth Development Support Services

Recommendation: Approve Resolution No. 3295 Recognition of National Native American Heritage Month

Background/Rationale: November is designated as National Native American Heritage Month. This observance commemorates the history, heritage, and culture of Native Americans and Alaskan Natives. It is during this month we acknowledge the vast achievements of America's original indigenous people.

Financial Considerations: None

LCAP Goal(s): Safe, Emotionally Healthy and Engaged Students

Documents Attached:

1. Resolution No. 3295

Estimated Time of Presentation: 5 minutes

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Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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RESOLUTION NO. 3295

**RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH,
NOVEMBER 2022**

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;

WHEREAS, Native Americans are the original, Indigenous people of what is now the United States of America;

WHEREAS, Native Americans maintain vibrant cultures and traditions, hold a deeply rooted sense of community and have made and continue to make 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.

WHEREAS, California has the highest Native American population in the country, it is home to 109 federally recognized tribes, with approximately 81 groups seeking recognition;

WHEREAS, California Native American Day was celebrated on September 23, 2022;

WHEREAS, Over one-half of the state's Native American population is composed of individuals (and now their descendants) who were relocated to large urban areas as part of the federal government's termination policy;

WHEREAS, Before the missionary, fur trapping, and gold rush era migrations, California's Native American population was estimated at about 200,000, between 1840 and 1870, the population declined to 12,000 due to disease, forced removal, and death;

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau estimated that, in 2020, there were more than 631,016 individuals of Native American descent in California and more than 18,637 in the county of Sacramento;

WHEREAS, The City of Sacramento celebrated Indigenous Peoples' day on October 10, 2022;

WHEREAS, the California Department of Education School Dashboard indicates that Native American students within SCUSD are more likely to be chronically absent;

WHEREAS, Governor Newsom approved Assembly bill 516 which excuses an absence for participating in a cultural ceremony or event;

WHEREAS, the Sacramento City Unified School District resides on lands of the Nisenan and Miwok people;

WHEREAS, SCUSD is committed to improving the academic and social-emotional outcomes for Native American students and all students in the region;

WHEREAS, 2021-2022 CDE Dataquest information indicates there are 27,001 Native American students in California and 213 in SCUSD, a recent pull of Infinite Campus data indicates there are 537 SCUSD American Indian students that are classified as two or more races;

WHEREAS, SCUSD's American Indian Education Program (AIEP) provides tutoring, cultural programs, back to school events, field trips and graduation recognitions for American Indian students enrolled in the program;

WHEREAS, SCUSD has committed to supporting students by providing services for self-identified American Indian students who are unable to enroll in AIEP program due to lack of documentation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education recognizes November 2022 as National Native American Heritage Month;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education urges schools within the District to observe National Native American Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day with appropriate programs and activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 3rd day of November, 2022, by the following vote:

A YES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

ATTESTED TO:

Christina Pritchett
President of the Board of Education

Jorge A. Aguilar
Superintendent