

RESOLUTION NO. 09/24-25

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, NOVEMBER, 2024

WHEREAS, this country was home to generations of Indigenous Peoples long before the arrival of European explorers and each of these tribes had a unique and vibrant culture as well as a system of social order; and

WHEREAS, the European settlers were aided in their survival by the teachings of this country's first inhabitants and the contributions of the Native Americans to this nation's government, history, and culture are as numerous and varied as the tribes themselves; and

WHEREAS, every tribe has celebrated heroes of their own in sports, the arts, film, literature, engineering, medicine, education, and environmental science; and

WHEREAS, the American culture has been greatly influenced by traditions of Indigenous Peoples and their close relationship to the earth and all its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education recognizes in its Multicultural Education Policy that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; and

WHEREAS, the *History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Transitional Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve* states that the history curriculum of community, state, region, nation, and world must reflect the experiences of all people and of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups which is integrated at every level; and

WHEREAS, educational leaders throughout the state are urged to involve themselves and their schools in a statewide focus on improvement in education about our Native American Heritage and to create ways in which communities can participate in helping California's schools meet the National Goals set forth by the *White House Conference on Indian Education*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that San Ramon Valley Unified School District's Board of Education proclaims the month of November as National Native American Heritage Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District supports schools involving themselves in a statewide focus on improvement in education about our Native American Heritage and encourages them to help meet the National Goals set forth by the *White House Conference on Indian Education* for educational achievement for our Native American students.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the following called vote this 13th day of August 2024.

BUDGET IMPLICATION: None

AYES: *Bratt, Clark, Ordway, van Tee, Heird*

NOES: *None*

ABSENT: *None*

ABSTAINED: *None*


CJ Dammack, Superintendent and Secretary to
the Governing Board of San Ramon Valley Unified
School District