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BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AND THE FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of recognizing November  
2024 as National Native American  
Heritage Month.

Resolution No. 2024 - 34 (FCBE)  
Resolution No. 2024 - 61 (FCSS)

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 descendants of the original, Indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of the Census estimates that in 2020, there were 9,666,058 individuals of American Indian and Alaska Native descent, and 680,442 individuals of Native Hawaiian descent in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans maintain vibrant cultures and traditions and hold a deeply rooted sense of community; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have moving stories of tragedy, triumph, and perseverance that need to be shared with future generations; and

WHEREAS, American culture has been greatly influenced by the traditions of Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have made distinct and important contributions to the United States and the world in many fields, including agriculture, environmental stewardship, wayfinding, medicine, music, dance, language, and art; and

WHEREAS, contemporary applications of traditional knowledge systems of Native Americans have expanded scientific, environmental, and intercultural understanding; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have distinguished themselves as inventors, entrepreneurs, spiritual leaders, and scholars; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have served with honor and distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States for centuries and have the highest per capita involvement of any population currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States has recognized the contribution of the Native American code talkers in World War I and World War II, who used Indigenous languages to communicate an unbreakable military code, saving countless lives in both conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the California State Board of Education has recognized the importance of learning of the histories, cultures, struggles, and contributions to American society of Native Americans and other groups by adopting the Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the History-Social Science Framework of California K-12 Public Schools states that the history curriculum of community, state, region, nation, and world must reflect the experiences of men and women and of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups and must be integrated at every level;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Education and the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools recognize this November as National Native American Heritage Month and encourage all Fresno County School Districts to participate with appropriate activities and curriculum on this day and throughout the year.

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education at its meeting of October 17, 2024, by the following votes:

President James Martinez:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President Allen Clyde:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Bryan Burton:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Marcy Masumoto:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member Kimberly Tapscott-Munson:	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Absent	<input type="checkbox"/>

  
James Martinez, President

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools as of the date immediately stated below as evident by her signature hereunder:

  
Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, Superintendent

Date: 10/17/24

#### CERTIFICATION

I am the Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Fresno County Board of Education and hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the full, true, and correct resolution duly passed and adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education on the date stated above.

By:   
Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher

Fresno County Superintendent of Schools  
Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the  
Fresno County Board of Education

Date: 10/17/24