



MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARD
RESOLUTION 23/24-17
In Recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day

WHEREAS the Mt. Diablo Unified School District Governing Board formally recognizes October 9, 2023 as Indigenous Peoples Day, to celebrate and honor the invaluable contributions and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, and

WHEREAS the Office of the Governor of California first proclaimed for our state in 2019 the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day, replacing Columbus Day with these eloquent words:

“Instead of commemorating conquest today, we recognize resilience..... Home to one of the largest and most diverse populations of indigenous peoples anywhere in the United States, California is a better, stronger and more vibrant place because of them.

Since time immemorial, peoples indigenous to the lands we now call California have built communities, fostered cultures and stewarded the land sustainably. As federal policies forced the mass relocation of Native Americans westward from their ancestral homelands, Native American peoples found community in places like Oakland and Los Angeles, where they came together to support each other and share across cultures. And, while some California Native American communities were divided by borders, many indigenous peoples in California today crossed borders and oceans, bringing the strengths of indigenous peoples from all over the world to California.

In making this proclamation, we pay respect to the cultures and populations that existed long before European contact. We celebrate the contributions of all indigenous peoples to the culture of diversity, innovation and resilience that has marked California as a leader on the global stage.

We celebrate the acts of resistance and persistence that have shaped the experiences of indigenous communities since first contact with Europeans.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Mt. Diablo Unified School District, fully endorsing the significance and meaning of California Governor Newsom’s proclamation, hereby recognizes October 9, 2023, as Indigenous Peoples Day.

AYES: NOES: ABSENCES: ABSTENTIONS:

Keisha Nzewi, Board President

Erin McFerrin, Board Vice President

Cherise Khaund, Board Member

Debra Mason, Board Member

Linda Mayo, Board Member

Dr. Adam Clark, Superintendent

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Adopted at the meeting of the MDUSD Governing Board of Education on 09/27/2023
