

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SAN DIEGO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**F.6.**  
10/10/2023

IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNIZING )  
NOVEMBER 2023, AS NATIONAL ) **RESOLUTION**  
NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH )

**WHEREAS**, on August 3, 1990, George H. W. Bush, President of the United States, declared the month of November as Native American Heritage Month and called upon federal, state, and local governments, groups and organizations, and the people of the United States to observe November with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American people, history, and culture is core to the story of the United States, being the first people to live and steward this land and having profoundly shaped our country's character and our cultural heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the San Diego Unified School District recognizes that colonial structures of oppression amounted in the death of millions of Native Americans, land dispossession, language and culture loss, diminished Native American knowledge and cultural authority, and has long standing impacts that Native American communities face today; and

**WHEREAS**, from generation to generation, Native Americans handed down invaluable cultural knowledge and rich traditions, which continue to thrive in Native American communities across our nation today showing up in cultural revitalization programs, resource protection, and self-determination efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American and Alaska Native tribal governments are an integral part of the social, political, and economic fabric of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of California is home to nearly 200 Native American tribes, while San Diego County has 18 different Native American Indian reservations with Kumeyaay, Diegueño, Luiseño, Cupeño, and Cahuilla tribes - a number more than any other county in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 20,000 Native Americans live in San Diego County, and our district serves over 250 students who are federal/state recognized, a number that does not include those who are not federal/state recognized or Indigenous students from other parts of the Americas (i.e., Canada or Latin America); and

**WHEREAS**, the San Diego Unified School District, through its Indian Education program promotes equity for all students and will continue to provide tutoring, career guidance, mental health support, cultural awareness, leadership development, and cultural enrichment programs for Native American students; and

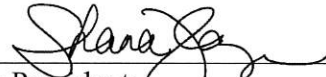
**WHEREAS**, the San Diego Unified School District, through the Office of Equity and Belonging and Ethnic Studies offers professional development and curricular resources intended to bring awareness, understanding, knowledge, and respect about Native American history, cultural traditions, resistance movements, and lived experiences.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District does hereby recognize November 2023, as Native American Heritage Month.

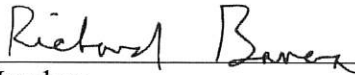
**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District at a regular meeting held this 10th day of October 2023.



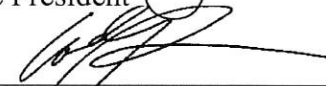
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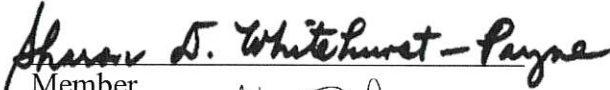
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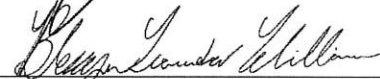
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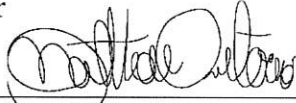
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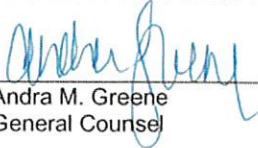


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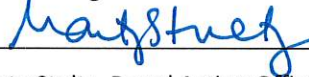
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LEGALITY AND FORM APPROVED:



Andra M. Greene  
General Counsel

Approved in public meeting of the Board of Education of the San Diego Unified School District on 10.10.23



Marty Stultz, Board Action Officer, Board of Education