

# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 8.1

**Meeting Date:** November 4, 2021

**Subject:** Resolution No.3238: Recognition of National 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:** Human Resource Services

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No.3238 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. 3238

<p><b>Estimated Time of Presentation:</b> 5 min <b>Submitted by:</b> Cancy McArn, Chief Human Resources Officer <b>Approved by:</b> Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent</p>
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**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 110 federally recognized tribes, with approximately 81 groups seeking recognition;

**WHEREAS**, California Native American Day was celebrated on September 24, 2021;

**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 11, 2021;

**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