

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND TRIBAL COMMUNITIES DURING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY AND NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION No. 2449-2

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day is nationally celebrated on the second Monday of October and the month of November is Native American Heritage Month. The Santa Clara County Board of Education is honored to recognize and celebrate local and national Indigenous people and communities, and the significant contributions made to grow the United States (U.S.); and

WHEREAS, former Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 2016 to develop a model curriculum for ethnic studies in high schools that would also include Native American history and culture. To further promote and deepen the lessons of Native American history, former Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 738 in 2017, which required the state's Instructional Quality Commission to create a Native American studies class curriculum for high schools that satisfies the elective course requirements for admission to the University of California and California State Universities; and

WHEREAS, as of 2020, more than 3.5 million people identified as solely American Indian and Alaska Native. Additionally, nearly six million identified themselves as American Indian and Alaska Native and another race group; and

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