



**Yolo County Board of Education and
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools**

**Resolution #20/21-07
California Native American Day
September 24, 2021**

WHEREAS, an official state holiday, California Native American Day is a time-honored tradition in the California Native American community and provides an opportunity to learn about the history of the original stewards of our land and their vibrant cultures, ~~and rich traditions~~ and deep-rooted heritages; and

WHEREAS, Native American Day began in California in 1939 when Governor Culbert Olson dedicated October 1st as “Indian Day”; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, California Tribal Leaders and Governor Ronald Reagan declared the fourth Friday of September as “California Indian Day”; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans are considered to be the first Americans to live in and populate the United States and by the time the first explorers and settlers arrived from Europe, Native Americans had populated the entire North American continent, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Gulf of Mexico all the way to the northern reaches of Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Board of Education recognizes that our county office of education is located on the territory of the Patwin people, including the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation is preserving Patwin traditions and cultures by helping families, protecting the environment and supporting communities in need; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Board of Education takes great pride in recognizing the 54th Anniversary of California Native American Day on September 24, 2021 and calls upon educators and the community to observe this day with appropriate activities and programs, and to educate students about California tribes and the California Native American way of life;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools honor California Native American Day on September 24, 2021, to mark the achievements and contributions of Indigenous peoples in California.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to every district in Yolo County.