

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

## Resolution #24/25-4 California Native American Day September 27, 2024

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, 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 theme for the 57th annual California Native American Day on September 27, 2024 is "Recognizing 100 years of Citizenship and the Fight for the Right to Vote: 1924-2024" and is presented by the California Tribal Chairpersons' Association; and

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Board of Education takes great pride in recognizing California Native American Day on September 27, 2024 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 27, 2024, to mark the achievements and contributions of Indigenous peoples in California.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on August 13, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Esquivel, Moreno, Salud-Ambriz, Yip

NOES: None ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Zendejas

Shelton Yip, President

Yolo County Board of Education

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County Superintendent of Schools