



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

**Resolution #23/24-10  
Indigenous Peoples’ Day (October 9, 2023)**

**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**, many of our students and families are descended from the Indigenous People of the Americas, including the original inhabitants of the lands that now constitute the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean; and

**WHEREAS**, “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” reimagines Columbus Day and changes a celebration of colonialism into an opportunity to reveal historical truths about the genocide and oppression of indigenous peoples in the Americas, to organize against current injustices, and to celebrate indigenous resistance; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples’ Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, representing 59 Tribes from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Northern California, Western Montana, and some Alaskan Tribes, passed resolution #11-57 to “Support to Change Columbus Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of October) to Indigenous Peoples’ Day”; and


**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools shall recognize October 9, 2023, as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” and encourage the participation in meaningful activities that recognize the contributions of Indigenous Peoples to the community, state and nation.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Yolo County Board of Education and the Yolo County Superintendent of Schools at a meeting held on September 12, 2023 by the following vote:

**AYES: Esquivel, Moreno, Salud-Ambriz, Yip, Zendejas**

**NOES: None**

**ABSENT: None**

  
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Tico Zendejas, President  
Yolo County Board of Education

  
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Garth Lewis  
Yolo County Superintendent of Schools