

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PETALUMA CITY ELEMENTARY AND
PETALUMA JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS (“PETALUMA CITY SCHOOLS”),
DECLARING NOVEMBER AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the Native American experience is central to the American story, being the first people to live on the land we all cherish and having profoundly shaped our country's character and our cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, from generation to generation, Native Americans handed down invaluable cultural knowledge and rich traditions, which continue to thrive in Native American communities across our nation today; and

WHEREAS, since the earliest days of our republic, Native Americans have played a vital role in our country's freedom and security, having served in all branches of America's armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans are leaders in every aspect of our society — from the classroom to the boardroom, to the battlefield; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans make up the ranks of both our district's certificated and classified staff as well as our student population; and

WHEREAS, Native American and Alaska Native tribal governments are an integral part of the social, political, and economic fabric of the United States; and

WHEREAS, tribal America has brought to this great country certain values and ideas that have become ingrained in the American spirit: the knowledge that humans can thrive and prosper without destroying the natural environment; the understanding that people from different backgrounds, cultures, religions, and traditions can come together to build a great country; and the awareness that diversity can be a source of strength, rather than division; and

WHEREAS, while we pay tribute to Native American achievements, we must also acknowledge the parts of our shared history that have been marred by violence and tragic mistreatment; and

WHEREAS, for centuries, Native Americans faced cruelty, injustice, and broken promises; and

WHEREAS, our tribal communities face stark realities, including disproportionately high rates of poverty, unemployment, crime, and disease; and

WHEREAS, The Petaluma City Schools Board of Education recognizes that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; to develop

pride in their own identity and heritage, and to understand respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others; and

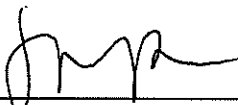
WHEREAS, the Petaluma City Schools Board of Education is committed to enhancing equity, inclusion, diversity, and partnership and remains dedicated to providing schools and districts with resources and supports to implement the History Social-Science standards and civic engagement, and promote understanding of economics, geography, world and U.S. history, and government in schools; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Petaluma City Schools Board of Education proclaims the month of November as Native American Heritage Month.


The foregoing resolution was introduced by Board Member QUINN who moved its adoption, seconded by Member CLOUD and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

CLOUD: AYE GEN: AYE PAUN: AYE QUINN: AYE WEBSTER: AYE

WHEREUPON, the President declared the above resolution adopted and SO ORDERED this 14th day of November, 2023.



Joanna Paun, President, Board of Education

ATTEST:


Matthew Harris, Secretary

