

# Resolution

## MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 19-20-09

*Honoring and Recognizing*

### **CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**

**Friday, September 27, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, Native American Day began in California in 1939 when Governor Culbert Olson dedicated October 1<sup>st</sup> as “Indian Day” and in 1968, California Tribal Leaders and Governor Ronald Reagan declared the fourth Friday of September as “California Indian Day”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Board of Education takes great pride in recognizing the 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of **California Native American Day** on Friday, September 27, 2019 with the theme: *Strength In Unity: One People, One Purpose*; and

**WHEREAS**, an official state holiday, **California Native American Day** is a time-honored tradition in the California Native American community; and

**WHEREAS**, California is one of the richest states in the nation because of the culture, heritage and diversity of its many federally recognized tribes and **California Native American Day** is an opportunity to learn more about the traditions of the California Indian; and

**WHEREAS**, original stewards of our land with great reverence for the earth and its bounty, the Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation have been indigenous to the Greater Monterey County area for more than 10,000 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation is an historically documented tribe and the legal tribal government representative for hundreds of enrolled members of Esselen, Carmeleno, Monterey Band, Rumsen, Chalon, Soledad Mission, San Carlos Mission and Costanoan Mission Indian descent of Monterey County; and


**WHEREAS**, throughout the history of the Americas, Native Peoples have been an integral part of the American character, have retained invaluable political, social, and moral presence and have flourished with vibrant cultures and rich traditions, and:

**WHEREAS**, the Monterey County Board of Education calls upon all educators and the community to observe **California Native American Day** with appropriate ceremonies, activities and programs and encourages schools to recognize this day to educate students about California tribes and the California Native American way of life:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 19-20-09 to honor the **Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation** on **California Native American Day** on September 27, 2019 to mark the achievements and contributions of indigenous peoples in California.

**Passed and Adopted on the  
Eleventh Day of September 2019**

  
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Ronald Panziera, Vice President

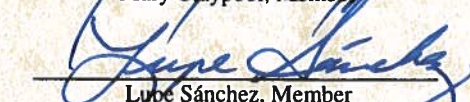
  
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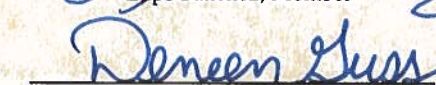
  
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