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**Mr. Ed Acosta • Mr. Edward Estrada • Ms. Sandra Nichols • Ms. Sue Roth**  
**Mr. Abel Sanchez • Mr. Bruce Van Allen • Ms. Rachel Williams**

**Student Trustee: Ruben Marcus**

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**RESOLUTION #24-40**  
**RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, from November 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024, the United States celebrates National Native American Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, National Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to consider and recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the history of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Native Americans are descendants of the original, indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of the Census estimated that, in 2020, there were more than 9,700,000 individuals of Native American descent in the United States, including 1.9% of Santa Cruz County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band comprises the descendants of Mutsun-speaking indigenous peoples taken to Mission Santa Cruz and Mission San Juan Bautista; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band founded the Amah Mutsun Land Trust, a nonprofit actively working to protect and conserve cultural sites, research and restore traditional stewardship and land management practices, honor indigenous ancestors, and educate the public on the importance of traditional Mutsun stewardship;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes the month of November as National Native American Heritage Month and recognizes the Friday after Thanksgiving as Native American Heritage Day in accordance with section 2(10) of the Native American Heritage Day Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–33; 123 Stat. 1923); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education urges school districts in Santa Cruz County to observe National Native American Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day with appropriate programs and activities.

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October 17, 2024

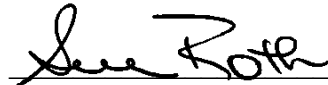
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 17th day of October 2024, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Estrada, Nichols, Roth, Van Allen, Williams

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Acosta, Sanchez



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Sue Roth, Board President  
Santa Cruz County Board of Education  
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Dr. Faris M. Sabbah, Secretary  
Santa Cruz County Superintendent of