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RESOLUTION #25-43

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, from November 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025, 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, all Santa Cruz County Office of Education facilities, programs, and services are provided on the unceded territory of the Indigenous Awaswas- and Mutsun-speaking peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band is comprised of the descendants of Indigenous peoples taken to Missions Santa Cruz and San Juan Bautista during Spanish colonization of the Central Coast; 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; and

WHEREAS, recent changes in Federal policy, funding and staffing are creating new uncertainties, stressors and even fear for many of our Native American students, teachers, staff, family and community members;

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);

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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this 16th day of October 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

Kyle, Larson, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen, Williams

NAYS:

None

ABSENT:

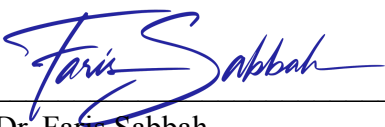
Acosta

ABSTAIN:

None



Abel Sanchez
Board President



Dr. Faris Sabbah
County Superintendent of Schools