

WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Resolution 14-22
Indigenous Peoples' Day - October 11, 2021

WHEREAS, Columbus Day is a national holiday in many countries in the Americas and elsewhere which officially celebrates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in and the discovery of the American Continent on October 12, 1492; and

WHEREAS, the land now claimed as the Americas was once populated by hundreds of different indigenous tribes; 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, we recognize that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; 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 (2nd Monday of October) to Indigenous Peoples' Day"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodland Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby declare October 11, 2021 as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" and encourages its students, staff, and administration to participate in meaningful activities that recognize the contributions of Indigenous Peoples to the community, state, and nation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of September 2021, by unanimous vote.


BOARD SECRETARY


BOARD PRESIDENT