WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution 19-27: Native American Heritage Month - November 2026

WHEREAS, Native Americans have made distinct and significant contributions in many fields (e.g. academic scholarship, agriculture, astronomy, art, business, education, ecology, engineering, environmentalism, economics, forestry, government, irrigation systems, language, leadership, literature, mathematics, medicine, military, music, politics, poetry, science); and

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month has been established at the national level with a Presidential Proclamation to recognize the significant contributions and rich legacies of Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, California Governor Newsom in the fall of 2019 acknowledged California Indian genocide and wants Californians to learn Native American history; and

WHEREAS, Section 51204.5 of the California Education Code states that instruction in social sciences shall include the early history of California and a study of the role and contributions of both men and women, Native Americans, and members of other ethnic and cultural groups (i.e. African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, European Americans, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender Americans, persons with disabilities) to the economic, political, and social development of California and the United States of America, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of these groups in contemporary society; and

WHEREAS, there is an approved Land Acknowledgement Statement applicable to Yolo County:

Land Acknowledgement Statement

We should take a moment to acknowledge the land on which we are gathered. For thousands of years, this land has been the home of Patwin people. Today, there are three federally recognized Patwin tribes: Cachil DeHe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community, Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation, and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. The Patwin people have remained committed to the stewardship of this land over many centuries. It has been cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations. We are honored and grateful to be here today on their traditional lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodland Joint Unified School District Board of Trustees hereby declare November as "Native American Heritage Month" and encourages its students, staff, and administration to participate in meaningful activities that recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the community, state, and nation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of November 2026, by unanimous vote:

BOARD SECRETARY

BOARD PRESIDENT