

WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



Resolution 14-26: Indigenous Peoples' Day - October 13, 2025

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 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 13 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. Woodland Joint Unified School District Trustees are pleased to provide the following "Land Acknowledgement Statement", for which the Board commits to begin each board meeting with it being read verbally and directs for it to be used in oral or written form at ceremonies and events as deemed appropriate by the Superintendent.

WJUSD directs staff to use the following language, without edit: *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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of October 2025, by the unanimous vote:


BOARD SECRETARY


BOARD PRESIDENT