

## RESOLUTION #2018-2019-005 Proclaiming the Celebration of National Native American Indian Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Native American Indians are descendants of the original, indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States, and

WHEREAS, one percent of enrolled students are Native American Indian; and

WHEREAS, Native American Indians speak and preserve indigenous languages; and

WHEREAS, Native American Indians maintain vibrant cultural heritage, rich traditions and hold a deeply rooted sense of community; and

WHEREAS, the Native Americans were the first stewards of our environment, contribute to the unique identity of the Pacific Northwest, represented the early voices for the values that define our Nation; and

WHEREAS, we cannot ignore nor erase the consequences of our country's long and unfortunate history of violence, discrimination and deprivation of the Native Americans --- but we can commit to working together for a bright future; and

WHEREAS, the Reynolds School Board has an adopted equity policy that codifies our commitment to closing the achievement gap and creating an educational environment where all students have the opportunity to benefit equally from the educational programs offered; and

WHEREAS, the Reynolds School District is working towards eliminating the racial predictability and disproportionality in all aspects of education; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Reynolds School Board of Directors proclaims November 1- November 30, to celebrate NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Reynolds School Board of Directors strongly encourages our staff and community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Native Americans Indians to our country, our state, our cities, and our schools.

Adopted this 10th day of October 2018.

Signed:

Chair Reynolds School District Board of Directors

Attest:

Superintendent/Clerk