



RESOLUTION #2023-2024-004
PROCLAIMING THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER
AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

WHEREAS, the Reynolds School Board of Education recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Board values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous People' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped our district; and

WHEREAS, the Board has established that each and every student is to be celebrated and appreciated for the distinct and vibrant contributions made by sharing cultures, language, ideas, beliefs, and values within a school community; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the fact that the Reynolds School District is built upon the homelands, villages, and traditional use areas of the Multnomah and Clackamas Chinookan of this region, without whom the building of the District would not be possible; and

WHEREAS, The Reynolds School District ("District'), through its Equity Policy, is committed to creating welcoming school environments and recognizing diversity and appreciation of culture, class, language, ethnicity, and other differences; and

WHEREAS, the District promotes closing the opportunity gap for Indigenous Peoples and eliminating the racial achievement gap and disproportionality in all aspects of education.

WHEREAS, the idea of Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon American Indian/Alaska Native State Plan mandates that the public schools of our District teach about the history, culture, contemporary lives, and governments of the Indigenous peoples of the Americas, with special emphasis on those from Oregon and across the Pacific Northwest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Reynolds School Board of Directors proclaims every second Monday of October, as Indigenous Peoples' Day. The District shall encourage staff to utilize the second Monday in October as an opportunity to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of the Indigenous Peoples of this land, to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region, and to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples elsewhere.

Appropriate District calendars and websites shall reference the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

The struggles and achievement of Indigenous Peoples contributed profoundly to the culture and community of the District. The District affirms the contributions and reaffirms its ongoing commitment to building awareness and an inclusive society.

The Board of Directors strongly encourages our staff and community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Native Americans to our country, our state, our cities, and our schools.

Adopted this 27th day of September 2023.

Signed:



Chair, RSD District Board of Directors

Attest:



Superintendent/Clerk