

**ALBANY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA BACKUP**

Regular Meeting of October 24, 2023

ITEM: **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-24-06: RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER
AS NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

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TYPE OF ITEM: **RECOGNITION AND ACTION**

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this item is for the Board of Trustees to adopt Resolution No. 2023-2024-06: Recognizing November as National Native American Heritage Month.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/DETAILS:

For far too long the history and achievements of people of color in the United States have been ignored in school textbooks, the media, and society as a whole. While the federal government now provides monthly recognitions as a first step in addressing this issue, it is crucial that students and staff take this opportunity to reflect on a deeper meaning. That is, diversity is an integral part of the fabric of the United States and these acknowledgments provide a way to celebrate and honor the richness of the diverse cultures of this country. It is important to respect and honor our differences and contributions that collectively make up American history. Moreover, it is essential that different and accurate perspectives and voices be presented and heard.

The key truth about the Indigenous People of the United States and the Americas is that they have been here since time immemorial and that their land was stolen from them. Land and self-governance remain key issues of equity as we reflect on the historical experiences and endurance of Native Peoples. The Board aspires that this recognition series will spur both small and large meaningful actions throughout the District for a better present day and keep AUSD on the path for a more equitable future.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED:



Objective #1: *Assess and Increase Academic Success. Goal: We will provide a comprehensive educational experience with expanded opportunities for engagement, assessment, and academic growth so that all students will achieve their fullest potential.*



Objective #2: *Support the Whole Child.* **Goal:** *We will foster the social and emotional growth of all students, implement an array of strategies to increase student engagement, identify individual socio-emotional and behavioral needs, and apply collaborative appropriate interventions.*



Objective #3: *Communicate and Lead Together.* **Goal:** *All stakeholders will collaborate and communicate about decisions that guide the sites and district.*

<p>RECOMMENDATION: Approve and adopt Resolution No. 2023-24-06: Recognizing November as National Native American Heritage Month</p>
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