



## Native American Heritage Month Resolution

The Board of Education  
Pittsburg Unified School District

Resolution No. 22-17

November 2022

**Whereas**, this country was home to generations of native peoples long before the arrival of European explorers, and each of these tribes had a unique and vibrant culture as well as a system of social order; and

**Whereas**, Pittsburg was home to the Chupcan Tribe of the Bay Miwok, who built their homes by the creeks, hunted in the valleys, and worshiped on the mountains in and surrounding our city; and

**Whereas**, the European settlers were aided in their survival by the teachings of this country's first inhabitants, and the contributions of Native Americans to this nation's government, history, and culture are as numerous and varied as the tribes themselves; and

**Whereas**, each tribe has celebrated heroes of its own in such many and varied fields as government, education, visual and performing arts, literature, engineering, medicine, and environmental science; and

**Whereas**, the American culture has been greatly influenced by the customs and traditions of native peoples and their close relationship to the earth and all its inhabitants; and

**Whereas**, the California State Board of Education recognizes in its Policy Statement on Multicultural Education that each student needs an opportunity to understand the common humanity underlying all people; to develop pride in his or her own identity and heritage; and to understand, respect, and accept the identity and heritage of others; and

**Whereas**, California Education Code section 51204.5 specifically calls for instruction in the social sciences to include the study of the role and contributions of Native Americans to the economic, political, and social development of California and the nation, with particular emphasis on portraying the role of Native Americans in contemporary society; and

**Whereas**, the History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten through Grade Twelve states that the history curriculum of community, state, region, nation, and world must reflect the experiences of men and women of different racial, religious, and ethnic groups and must be integrated at every level;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Pittsburg Unified School District recognizes the month of November 2022 as Native American Heritage Month.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be distributed to every school in the District.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, on October 26, 2022 at a regular meeting of the Board of Education by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

  
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Duane Smith, Board President