

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SAN JOAQUIN DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. 20-08

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN DAY AND NATIVE
AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

September 15, 2020

WHEREAS, the indigenous people of California, including the Native peoples of this region (e.g., Yokuts, Plains Miwok, Patwin, and Nisenan), each have a diverse and peaceful existence that has lasted for many thousands of years and there are now more than 100 recognized tribes in California; more than any other state in the nation;

WHEREAS, locally we recognize Native American cultures and contributions through observance of several events, such as California Native American Day, International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, Indigenous Peoples' Day, and Native American Heritage Month, as well as throughout the year to honor the indigenous peoples on whose traditional lands San Joaquin Delta College is placed, including the Yokuts, Plains Miwok, Patwin, and Nisenan who lived, gave birth, loved, hunted, fished, harvested, grew old, and died here;

WHEREAS, in 2019, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-15-19 to, among other purposes, recognize "that the State historically sanctioned over a century of depredations and prejudicial policies against California Native Americans," to apologize "for the many instances of violence, maltreatment and neglect California inflicted on tribes," and to commend and honor "California Native Americans for persisting, carrying on cultural and linguistic traditions, and stewarding and protecting this land that we now share;"

WHEREAS, in 1990, President George Bush approved a joint resolution designating November as National American Indian Heritage Month, which is celebrated to recognize intertribal cultures and to educate the public about the heritage, history, art, and traditions of Native Americans;

WHEREAS, in 1968, Governor Ronald Regan signed a resolution calling for a holiday titled American Indian Day, to be held the fourth Friday in September; and, in 1998, the California Legislature passed Assembly Bill 1953, which, as enacted in California Education Code Section Number 37220.7, renamed the day Native American Day, made it an official state holiday, and authorized community college governing boards pursuant to a memorandum of understanding to provide the day as a holiday;

WHEREAS, Native American peoples have been indigenous to the San Joaquin Valley and, throughout history and into current day, have made significant contributions in areas such as education, arts, environmental stewardship, government, science, medicine, entertainment, literature, sports, and military, thereby adding to the vibrancy of the United States of America and California;

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the Americas, First Nation peoples have been an integral part of the American character; and, despite tremendous adversity, they have endured and retained invaluable political, social, and moral presence and have flourished with vibrant cultures and rich traditions;

WHEREAS, the Student Equity Plan identifies and recognizes “American Indians” as a disproportionately impacted student group and San Joaquin Delta College is committed to addressing the equity gap and addressing systemic racism that impacts Native peoples;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the San Joaquin Delta Community College District hereby adopts Resolution Number 20-XX in order to show our commitment to working more closely with the Native communities in our District and surrounding areas in order to support Native student, employee, and community success, as well as to honor and recognize Native American peoples and tribes, including the Yokuts, Plains Miwok, Patwin, and Nisenan Tribes, on California Native American Day on September 25, 2020, and hereby honors and recognizes the month of November 2020 as Native American Heritage Month to mark the achievements and contributions of indigenous peoples in California and in the United States;

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Joaquin Delta Community College this 15th day of September 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

	Brown	Castellanos	Jennings	Johnson	Mathis	Rivera	Stebbins	To-Cowell
AYES								
NOES								
ABSTAIN								
ABSENT								

JANET RIVERA, President of the Board of Trustees of the
San Joaquin Delta Community College District

ATTEST:

C. JENNET STEBBINS, Clerk of the Board of Trustees of the
San Joaquin Delta Community College District