

**PROCLAIMING THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER AS
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY IN TUCSON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

WHEREAS, the Tucson Unified School District acknowledges that the land where Tucson now sits was the ancestral home of Indigenous Peoples of the many nations in Arizona, including the Tohono O'Odham and Pascua Yaqui reservations that are located within TUSD's boundaries; and

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

WHEREAS, the Tucson Unified School District established the Native American Student Services Department in 1976 to provide supplementary academic and cultural support for the over 2,500 Native students representing 58 tribes enrolled in our schools; and

WHEREAS, the Tucson Unified School District seeks to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination stemming from colonization and to promote awareness, understanding and good relations among Indigenous Peoples and all other segments of our district; and

WHEREAS, the Tucson Unified School District promotes closing the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater access and opportunity and honor our nation's indigenous roots, history and contributions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tucson Unified School District proclaims every second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day. The district shall encourage staff to utilize the second Monday in October to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of the Indigenous Peoples of this land, and are encouraged to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous People in our region, and to stand in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples elsewhere. Appropriate district calendars and website shall reference the second Monday in October, as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board this 6th of October, 2020.

Kristel Ann Foster, President

Leila Counts, Clerk

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