

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

September 27, 2024

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24-37

WHEREAS, in 1968, Governor Ronald Reagan 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 made Native American Day, the fourth Friday of each September, an official state holiday, which was enacted into the California Education Codes as Section Number 37220.7; and

WHEREAS, locally across the district, we honor the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation and Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians (Colusa County Campus), Koi, Elem, and Kamdot (Lake County Campus), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Woodland Community College), and the Nisenan People (Yuba College – Marysville Campus and Sutter County Center), as well as the numerous other indigenous Nations and Peoples that have inhabited the lands upon which the district currently stands, on California Native American Day and observe this day annually to recognize Native American cultures and contributions; and

WHEREAS, these Nations and Peoples have been indigenous to Northern California for over 20,000 years and from their known ancestral tribal villages, they hunted, traded, lived peacefully together, and built a vibrant, healthy and culturally rich society; and

WHEREAS, for thousands of years, these Nations and Peoples have been guided by a culture rich with an understanding of medicine, technology, food production and land stewardship; and

WHEREAS, indigenous people were the original stewards of our land and have a great reverence for the earth and its bounty, and generously shared their knowledge with the early European settlers so that we still enjoy that harvest today with an agricultural industry that supports America and the world; and

WHEREAS, throughout the history of the Americas, indigenous Nations and Peoples have been an integral part of the American character; and, against great odds, they have endured and retained invaluable political, social and moral presence and have flourished with vibrant cultures and rich traditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Yuba Community College District does hereby recognize September 27, 2024 as California Native American Day, and asks all members of the Yuba Community College District to honor and recognize the Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation and Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians (Colusa County Campus), Koi, Elem, and Kamdot (Lake County Campus), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Woodland Community College), and the Nisenan People (Yuba College – Marysville Campus and Sutter County Center), as well as the numerous other indigenous Nations and Peoples that have inhabited the lands upon which the district currently stands, and to mark the achievements and contributions of indigenous peoples in California and in the United States of America.

Dated this 8th day of August 2024

Yuba Community College District

Susan Alves, President Board of Trustees