

**Sioux City Community School District  
Board of Education  
RESOLUTION HONORING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

WHEREAS, our Great Nation, The United States of America, was founded on the premise that all of us are created equal; and

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month is celebrated in November to pay tribute to the identity, dignity, resilience, patriotism, perseverance, courage and, against extraordinary circumstances, the survival of the first people on this land, going back thousands of years, the Native American and Indigenous People; and

WHEREAS, the first American Indian Day was commemorated in 1916; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed a law, signed by President Ronald Reagan, authorizing American Indian Week in 1986; and

WHEREAS, President George H. W. Bush proclaimed November as National American Indian Heritage Month in 1990; and

WHEREAS, there are 574 federally recognized Indian Nations; and

WHEREAS, Iowa has been the home of the Ioway, the Sioux, the Sauk, the Meskwaki, the Potawatomi, the Dakota, the Illini, the Missouri and the Otoe Tribes; and

WHEREAS, more than half of the US states trace their names to Indian origins, our Great State was named after the Ioway Tribe, and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census reveals that 3,727,135, of the 328,239,523 population in the United States; 17,060 of the 3,155,070 people in Iowa; 2,515 of the 105,941 inhabitants in Woodbury County, and 2,381 of the 85,791 residents of Sioux City; are Native American; and

WHEREAS, Sioux City is the city with the largest population of American Indian and Alaska Natives in any city in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Sioux City Community School District has a population of 15,000 students and honors the contributions of all the students in the District; and

WHEREAS, 415 students, or 3.1% of the Sioux City Community School District's student body is Native American; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years our District has had representation from 44 different tribes, presently 27 different tribes from around the United States, some of the tribes currently represented among our students are Sioux, Winnebago, Ponca, Omaha, Cheyenne, and Chippewa; and

WHEREAS, Native American or Indian Heritage is American Heritage, and our strength as a nation is in our people.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that during this month, we will be celebrating Native American communities and Tribal Nations, their diverse culture, rich history, stories, traditions, languages, gastronomy, music, folklore and vibrant heritage, as well as the immeasurable contributions to our economy, industry, agriculture, enterprise, academia, art, science, engineering, armed forces and so forth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors invite our entire community to learn more about the Native American cultures, and that will reaffirm this Resolution annually.

ADOPTED by ACTION of the BOARD this 22 day of November, 2021.

Ayes: Alarcon-Flory, Albert, Colling, Goodvin,  
Greenwell, Saint, Scarlett


Nays: NONE

Perla Alarcon-Flory 

Board President

11.22.21

Date



Superintendent

11.22.21

Date