



Parkrose School Board National American Indian Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Native American Indians are descendants of the original, indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States, and

WHEREAS, one percent of enrolled students are Native American Indian; and

WHEREAS, Native American Indians speak and preserve indigenous languages; and

WHEREAS, Native American Indians maintain vibrant cultural heritage, rich traditions and hold a deeply rooted sense of community; and

WHEREAS, the Native Americans were the first stewards of our environment, contribute to the unique identity for the Pacific Northwest, represented the early voices for the values that define our Nation; and

WHEREAS, we cannot ignore nor erase the consequences of our country's long and unfortunate history of violence, discrimination and deprivation of the Native Americans - but we can commit to working together for a bright future; and

WHEREAS, the Parkrose School Board has an adopted equity policy that codifies our commitment to closing the achievement gap and creating an educational environment where all students have the opportunity to benefit equally from the educational programs offered; and

WHEREAS, the Parkrose School District is working towards eliminating the racial predictability and disproportionality in all aspects of education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Parkrose School Board of Directors proclaims November 1st -November 30th, to celebrate NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Parkrose School Board of Directors strongly encourages our staff and community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Native American Indians to our country, our state, our cities, and our schools.

Adopted this 26th day of October, 2020.

Signed: _____
Chair Sonja McKenzie, Parkrose School Board