



## JUDSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Meeting Date:** August 21, 2025

**Submitted By:** Dr. Mary Duhart-Toppen  
**Title:** Deputy Superintendent

**Agenda Item:** Consider and take action regarding approving the Proclamation Declaring September 26, 2025, (the last Friday in September) as American Indian Heritage Day.

### CONSENT ITEM

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

To approve September 26, 2025, as American Indian Heritage Day.

#### **IMPACT/RATIONALE:**

The purpose of the American Indian Heritage Day is to increase recognition of the many historical, cultural, and social contributions American Indian communities and leaders have made to the United States, Texas, and to our community. The last Friday in September is recognized as American Indian Heritage Day by Texas Statute, Government Code Sec. 662.056, to “be regularly observed by appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs in the public schools and other places to honor American Indians in this state and to celebrate the rich traditional and contemporary American Indian Culture.” The standards addressed in our TEKS-based curriculum include Social Studies Grade 4: 1ABCD, 4D, 9A, 12A, Grade 5: 1A, 2A, 4F, Grade 7: 1A, 2A, 6A, Grade 8, U.S History through 1877: 1A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 5G, 6B, 9C, 23ABCD, 29A, Grade 11, U.S. History since 1877: 1A, 3ABC, 6A, 7FG, 9G, 17D, 22AB, 29A.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

**Approval/Disapproval**



## **American Indian Heritage Day Proclamation** **Judson Independent School District Board of Trustees**

**WHEREAS:** September 26, 2025 has been designated as American Indian Heritage Day by the Judson Independent School District Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS:** the history and culture of our great nation have been significantly influenced by Native Americans and indigenous peoples; and

**WHEREAS:** the contributions of Native Americans have enhanced the freedom, prosperity, and greatness of America today, and

**WHEREAS:** their customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of a rich legacy throughout the United States, Texas and our Community; and

**WHEREAS:** Native American Awareness Week began in 1976 and recognition was expanded by Congress and approved by President George Bush in August 1990, designating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month;

**NOW THEREFORE, I,** Monica Ryan, as by virtue of the authority vested in me as School Board President of the Judson Independent School District Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2025 as the American Indian Heritage Day in the Judson Independent School District, and urge our community and all our citizens to observe this with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Judson Independent School District to be affixed this 21st day of August, the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-five.

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Board President, Monica Ryan

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Board Secretary, Lesley Lee

