



National Native American Indian Heritage Month

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

WHEREAS, Multnomah County encompasses the traditional ancestral homelands of the Bands of the Chinook, Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Cowlitz, Tualatin, Kalapuya, Molalla and many other tribes. Since time immemorial, these tribes established their communities in a resource rich area where they traded and fished along the rivers and harvested those natural resources that fed their families and sustained their communities. We honor the forced sacrifices of these tribes and Indigenous people;

WHEREAS, in the 1950's, under Federal Relocation Policy a large segment of the Native population in the United States of America was forced to relocate to several major cities of which Portland was one. This has added to the diversity of tribal representation in the region;

WHEREAS, Native American Indians, people whose history is rich with those who positively influence and enrich our nation, our society, our region, our state, and our schools through their entrepreneurship, commitment to community service, deep value of justice and liberty, and social and cultural life;

WHEREAS, on August 3, 1990, President of the United States George H. W. Bush declared the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month, thereafter commonly referred to as Native American Heritage Month;

WHEREAS, Native American Indians have made profound contributions and continue to make advances in education, medicine, art, culture, and public service and have been a consistent and vital influence in our nation's growth and prosperity;

WHEREAS, Multnomah County's Native American Indian Community is diverse and growing with the population estimated to be nearly 70,000;

WHEREAS, understanding Native American Indian history and contemporary life is an important part of celebrating Native American Indian Heritage Month;

WHEREAS, Parkrose School District has a core belief in Equity that states Parkrose School District will work actively to remove any barriers to achievement that prevent students from reaching their fullest potential, specifically, barriers of institutional racism;

WHEREAS, closing opportunity gaps while raising achievement for all students is the top priority of the Board of Education and Superintendent;

WHEREAS, The Parkrose School District Board of Education believes each and every student is to be celebrated and appreciated for the distinct and vibrant contributions made by sharing cultures, language, ideas, beliefs, and values within a school community;



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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 economic contributions of Native American Indians to Oregon and the United States through culturally relevant activity, and to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped the United States.

Adopted this 25th day of October, 2021.

Signed: _____
Chair Elizabeth Durant, Parkrose School Board