

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 28J BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2025.26.0003

WHEREAS, From November 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025, the United States celebrates National Native American Heritage Month; and

WHEREAS, the Portland Metro region rests on the traditional lands of the Bands of the Chinook, Multnomah, Clackamas, Tualatin, Molalla, Kalapuya, Wasco, Cowlitz and Kathlamet tribes. These tribes established their communities in a resource-rich area where they traded and fished along the rivers and harvested natural resources that sustained their families; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, under the Federal Relocation Policy a large segment of the Native population in the US was forcibly relocated to several major cities, including Portland, contributing to the diversity of tribal representation in the region; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans are the descendants of the original, Indigenous inhabitants of what is now the United States and maintain vibrant cultures, languages, and traditions, holding a deeply rooted sense of community, sovereignty, and stewardship of the land; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans have made distinct and important contributions to Oregon, the United States, and the world in the areas of agriculture, environmental stewardship, medicine, language preservation, governance, art, music, science, and education; and contemporary applications of Indigenous knowledge systems continue to expand scientific, environmental, and intercultural understanding; and

AND WHEREAS, the Centennial School District Board believes each and every student is to be celebrated and appreciated for the distinct and vibrant contributions made by sharing cultures, languages, ideas, beliefs and values within a school community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Board of Directors for the Centennial School District, hereby recognize November 1-30, 2025 as National Native American Heritage Month. We encourage staff, students, and the community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and economic contributions of Native Americans to Oregon and the United States through culturally relevant activities, and to learn from the past and understand the experiences that have shaped the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board urges staff, students, families, and communities of the Centennial School District to observe National Native American Heritage Month with programs, ongoing lesson plans, and activities that honor the histories, cultures, and contemporary lives of Native Americans, deepen understanding, and advance equity and inclusion.