

Proclamation

Native American Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Adams 12 Five Star Schools acknowledges Indigenous relatives who have lived in and cared for this ancient land from time immemorial and acknowledges the close relationship that our tribal Nations continue to have with the waters, plants, and all moving things that call this Land home; and

WHEREAS, Adams 12 Five Star Schools pledges our respect for those enduring Indigenous connections to the place we now call Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month serves as an opportunity to honor and recognize the great influence Native Americans have had upon the United States, Colorado and Adams 12 Five Star Schools; and

WHEREAS, this celebration has been federally recognized since 1976 when Congress designated a week of October as Native American Awareness Week and later moved to November and expanded to encompass the entire month; and

WHEREAS, November is traditionally a time when many Native Americans hold fall harvests, world-renewal ceremonies, powwows, dances, and various feasts; and

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month recognizes hundreds of tribes and approximately 250 languages, and celebrates the history, tradition, and values of Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, Adams 12 Five Star Schools acknowledges the contributions of the American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) to promote education and diversity within all Grades K-12; and

WHEREAS, National American Indian Heritage Month serves as a reminder of the positive effect native peoples have had on the cultural development and growth of the U.S., as well as the struggles and challenges they have faced; and

WHEREAS, Adams 12 Five Star Schools is committed to celebrating and recognizing the contributions of Indigenous Americans, Coloradans and Five Star students and staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education, proclaims November 2023 as NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH in Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting on November 15, 2023.