



**North Beach School District No. 64
Proclamation
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of North Beach School District No. 64, Grays Harbor County, Ocean Shores, Washington reaffirming the Board's commitment to promote the well-being and growth of every District student, especially the 176 students who make up the community's American Indian and Indigenous students, and who are the future of their people.

WHEREAS, the School Board recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the School Board recognizes the fact that lands currently owned and operated by the North Beach School District is part of the homelands and villages of the Indigenous People of this area, the Quinault Nation; and

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

WHEREAS, the School Board values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous People's knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the public schools' community; and

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

WHEREAS, the School Board seeks to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination stemming from colonization and to promote awareness, understanding and good relations among Indigenous Peoples and all other segments of our District; and

WHEREAS, the School Board promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, ensure greater access and opportunity, and honor our nation's indigenous roots, history and contributions; and

WHEREAS, SB 5433 requires the teaching of the history, government and contemporary issues of the 29 federally recognized tribes of Washington State;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all schools will support the well-being and growth of American Indian and Indigenous students and recognize the contributions of Native Peoples on October 10 as

Indigenous Peoples Day

in North beach School District, and we encourage all people in our District in joining us in this special observance.

Signed this 15th day of February, 2022.

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