

**Shoreline School District #412
King County, Washington**

**PROCLAMATION #1 - RECOGNIZING MAY 5TH AS
MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE (MMIP) AWARENESS DAY**

A PROCLAMATION of the Shoreline School District #412, King County Shoreline, Washington declares May 5th as Missing or Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day. MMIP Awareness Day is an opportunity to raise awareness to the national and local crisis of Missing or Murdered Indigenous People.

WHEREAS, Missing Murdered Indigenous People is inclusive to all our Indigenous relatives including LGBTQ+ and 2Spirit.

WHEREAS, On May 4, 2022 President Joe Biden proclaimed May 5th as National Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day, a day for actions calling for justice; and

WHEREAS, In the 2022 Washington Legislative Session, Representative Debra Lekanoff (40th District) and Attorney General Ferguson introduced H.B. 1725, "Creating an alert to help locate missing Indigenous women and people," which was passed and became state law.

WHEREAS recent data reports that 393 Indigenous people went missing in Washington in 2022. Currently, there are 134 Actively Missing Indigenous people (58 Male and 76 female).

WHEREAS, The disappearances and murders of indigenous women girls, men, boys, transgender people and Two spirit people is directly connected to various violent crimes such as; rape, human and sex trafficking, murder, homicide, sexual assault crimes; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous people continue to be impacted by the effects of colonization and oppressive policies which directly correlates to the alarming rates of violence against Indigenous women and girls and;

WHEREAS, Racially targeted violence is in conflict with tribal cultural values and is a threat to tribal sovereignty and compromises Indian country's ability to heal from historical trauma and;

WHEREAS, The Shoreline School Board recognizes Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday of October; and Shoreline School District acknowledges the vast impacts of intergenerational historical trauma including; health and educational disparities, homelessness, and other socio-emotional –political disadvantages experienced by many Indigenous students; and

WHEREAS, Shoreline School District is dedicated to eliminating racism, improving educational outcomes and providing a safe environment to support every student. Shoreline Public Schools as an educational institution has a moral and ethical responsibility to inform all students on social justice issues and to promote values of equality, respect, and dignity to all; and

WHEREAS, Shoreline School District enrollment data shows that 178 students identify as American Indian or Alaska Native students; and.

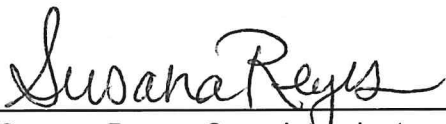
WHEREAS, By standing together and raising awareness, we can promote solutions to prevent and combat the exploitation and violence that many if not most Indigenous people experience;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that Shoreline School District declares May 5th as Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day. Missing Murdered Indigenous People Awareness Day is an opportunity to educate, inform, raise awareness, and show unity for social justice. Shoreline School District will encourage district-wide discussions, lessons, and presentations in classrooms and in homes throughout not only this day, but to continue conversations throughout the year.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that Shoreline School District calls on the residents of Shoreline and Lake Forest Park to commemorate the lives lost, to educate on this issue, and to support continued efforts to provide critical protection for Indigenous Women, Men, Boys, Girls, and Two-Spirit people.

BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED, that Shoreline School District will actively pursue partnerships with Indigenous-led organizations, programs, and agencies providing culturally responsive and culturally appropriate services to collaborate and develop support services needed to best address the multifaceted challenges of Indigenous students and families enrolled in Shoreline School District.

PROCLAIMED this 13th day of February, 2024.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susana Reyes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Dr. Susana Reyes, Superintendent
Shoreline School District