

Joint Resolution No. 23-34
San Mateo County Board of Education
and
San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools
State of California

Recognizing November 2023 as National Native American Heritage Month

Whereas, from November 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022, National Native American Heritage Month is celebrated as an opportunity to consider and recognize the lives and accomplishments of the original inhabitants of what is now known as of the United States; and

Whereas, today there are more than 100 federally recognized tribes in California, more than any other state in the nation; and

Whereas, the San Francisco Bay Area continues to have the second largest concentration of Indigenous and Alaska Natives in the state – second only to the Los Angeles area; and

Whereas, Americans of all ages recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions of this nation's original inhabitants and their descendants; and

Whereas, at the time of first European contact, the San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas were the home to more than 50 Native tribes, each with its own territories: and

Whereas, the title Ramaytush Ohlone recognizes the Ramaytush as part of a larger group of the Ohlone/Costanoan peoples who lived in San Mateo County in ten small tribal groups and who, prior to the arrival of the Spanish in 1769, numbered approximately 1,500 persons; and

Whereas, National Native American Heritage Month provides an opportunity for San Mateo County educators to teach students about the Ramaytush Ohlone people, their significant role in the history of the county and the Bay Area, and their efforts to keep their culture alive as well as deepen their students' cultural humility;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools recognize November 2023 as National Native American Heritage Month and recognize the Friday after Thanksgiving as Native American Heritage Day, in accordance with section 2(10) of the Native American Heritage Day Act of 2009 (Public Law 111–33; 123 Stat. 1923).

Be It Further Resolved that the San Mateo County Board of Education and the San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools urge school districts in San Mateo County to observe National Native American Heritage Month and Native American Heritage Day with appropriate programs and activities, including building relationships with the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula.

**SAN MATEO COUNTY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Passed and Adopted on this
Fourth Day of October 2023

**SAN MATEO COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

President

