

## RESOLUTION NO. 23B

BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE  
CONTRA COSTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, since 1990, President George H.W. Bush issued a proclamation and began celebrating the month of November as National American Indian Heritage Month, acknowledging that Indigenous peoples have made great contributions to the nation through their rich, thriving cultures, as well as their own systems of social order, and endorsed self-determination that supported increased Indian control over tribal government affairs;

**WHEREAS**, the Contra Costa Community College District (4CD) joins the rest of the nation in supporting National Native American Heritage Month as a time for recognition, reflection and continued commitment to respect and honor the contributions of generations of Native Americans to the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, Native Americans remain actively engaged in cultural revitalization and resource protection, have demonstrated their stewardship of our land, fostering rich cultures, languages, and traditions, that are contributing to a better and stronger nation; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the nation's founding was based on an idea that all of us are created equal and deserve equal treatment, the promise of our country has often been denied to Native Americans who have lived on this land since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS**, despite this painful history, Native Americans and other indigenous people have persevered, and Native peoples past and present, have contributed to our country's leadership in renewable energy, disaster and emergency preparedness, health care, job creation and so much more, while maintaining and strengthening Tribal sovereignty and advancing Tribal self-determination; and

**WHEREAS**, in what is known as Contra Costa County today, these sacred lands were predominantly home to the Miwok people, and Native Americans today make up 0.2 percent of the county's adult population (2020 Census), .03 percent of 4CD's full and part-time employees, including its student employees (for academic year 2023-24 unduplicated head count), and .2 percent of 4CD's student population; and

**WHEREAS**, in its commitment to social, racial, and economic justice, 4CD will continue to fight inequities facing our community by advancing diversity, equity, inclusion a sense of belonging and acceptance for everyone in our community, including Native Americans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the 4CD Governing Board adopts **Resolution No. 23B** to recognize the month of November as **Native American Heritage Month** at 4CD's colleges and in the community, to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures and traditions of Native Americans, as well as to value their identities, roles and contributions to the local and national economies, recognizing the rich history and cultural traditions of Native American people while also highlighting their ongoing contributions to society and resilience in the present day.

**ADOPTED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024 by the 4CD Governing Board.

AYES: (Student Trustee Advisory Vote – aye), Rebecca Barrett, Andy Li, Dr. Judy E. Walters, Fernando Sandoval and John E. Márquez

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

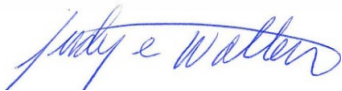
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved:



Rebecca Barrett, President  
4CD Governing Board

Attested to:



Dr. Judy E. Walters, Secretary  
4CD Governing Board