

Recognition of Native American Heritage Month Resolution No. 3238

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Native American Heritage Month

- National Native American Heritage Month is an opportunity to consider and recognize the contributions of Native Americans to the history of the United States;
- Native Americans are the original, Indigenous people of what is now the United States of America;
- Native Americans maintain vibrant cultures and traditions, hold a

- California Native American Day was celebrated on September 24, 2021;
- Over one-half of the state's Native American population is composed of individuals (and now their descendants) who were relocated to large urban areas as part of the federal government's termination policy;
- Before the missionary, fur trapping, and gold rush era migrations, California's Native American population was estimated at about 200,000, between 1840 and 1870, the population declined to 12,000 due to disease, forced removal, and death;
- The Census Bureau estimated that, in 2020, there were more than 631,016 individuals of Native American descent in California and more than 18,637 in the county of Sacramento;
- The City of Sacramento celebrated Indigenous Peoples' day on October 11, 2021;
- the California Department of Education School Dashboard indicates that Native American students within SCUSD are more likely to be chronically absent,

- Governor Newsom approved Assembly bill 516 which excuses an absence for participating in a cultural ceremony or event;
- The Sacramento City Unified School District resides on lands of the Nisenan and Miwok people;
- SCUSD is committed to improving the academic and social-

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