

# *Proclamation*

## **Indigenous Peoples Day**

**A RESOLUTION** of the Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1, King County, Seattle, Washington reaffirming the Board's commitment to promote the well-being and growth of every District student, especially of Seattle's American Indian and Indigenous students.

**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 Seattle is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the building of the City would not have been possible; and

**WHEREAS,** the School Board values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the charter of the City of Seattle; and

**WHEREAS,** the School Board has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards Indigenous people in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social crises; 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.

**WHEREAS,** the School Board of Directors has amended Policy No. 2336, Required Observances, to observe the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day; and therefore be it further

**RESOLVED,** that all schools are encouraged to support the well-being and growth of American Indian and Indigenous students and recognize the contributions of Native Peoples on October 10, Indigenous Peoples Day.

**THEREFORE,** October 10, 2016 is hereby proclaimed as Indigenous Peoples Day.



Dr. Larry Nyland  
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