

Board Meeting – August 18, 2026

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

- C. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 3 in Recognition of California Native American Day on September 25, 2026.

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board take action and approve Board Resolution No. 3 and proclaim September 25, 2026 as California Native American Day, and to encourage all educators and the community to recognize and celebrate Native American Day with appropriate activities and to educate students about California tribes.

Native American Day is observed annually and recognized in California. The day celebrates the cultures and contributions of the many Native American tribes. (California Education Code Section 37220.7)

Resolution No. 3 follows on the next page.

Next Steps:

- LACOE will promote the Board Resolution and following resources:
 - [LA County Library Resources](#)
- Provide support to districts to implement ethnic studies with the intentionality of including the history and contributions of Native Americans.
- Continue our efforts to uplift and celebrate diversity, equity and inclusion through programs and events with a focus on individual care and wellbeing.
- [LACOE will provide resources, local events and book recommendations on their website to educators and school communities.](#)

BOARD RESOLUTION

No. 3: 2026-27

Native American Day

WHEREAS, the state of California was home to numerous generations of Native Americans long before the arrival of explorers from other regions of the world; with approximately 300,000 indigenous people residing throughout the state, making it the most diverse and populated region within native North America. Tragically, by 1873, the native population dwindled to just 30,000; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, the California Assembly passed AB 1953, which made Native American Day an official state holiday, observed annually on the fourth Friday in September. The Los Angeles County Office of Education takes pride in recognizing Native American Day on Friday, September 25, 2026; and

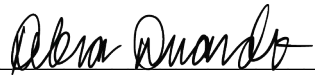
WHEREAS, Los Angeles County, whose earliest settlers belonged to the Gabrielino-Tongva peoples, is home to the largest indigenous population of any U.S. city. Native American Day is an opportunity to learn more about the vibrant cultures and rich traditions of our Native American community whose histories are deeply woven into the fabric of our county; and

WHEREAS, tribal America has contributed values and ideas that have become deeply ingrained in the American spirit: the understanding that humans can thrive and prosper without harming the natural environment; the recognition that people from different backgrounds, cultures, religions and traditions can unite to build a great nation; and the belief that diversity can be a source of strength rather than division; and

WHEREAS, by observing Native American Day, we honor and preserve indigenous cultures while empowering Native peoples to fully participate in their communities; the Los Angeles County Office of Education supports the inclusion of land acknowledgments at school, district and county events, as well as the integration of Native American Studies into Ethnic Studies and American history courses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools proclaim September 25, 2026 as Native American Day and encourage all educators and the community to recognize and celebrate Native American Day with appropriate activities, educate students about California tribes and integrate Native American studies into Ethnic Studies and the American history curriculum during the school year.

ADOPTED this 18th day of August 2026 by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.

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Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Theresa Montaño, Ed.D.
Board President