



Board of Education

American Indian and Indigenous Communities

RESOLUTION NO. 21-22/17

A resolution declaring the District's commitment to promote respect for, and understanding of, the region's American Indian and Indigenous communities, their long histories, and their continuing contributions to contemporary society.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands and water known as the Americas have inhabited them since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Tongva (also known as Gabrieleño), are the first peoples of what is now known as Lynwood, who continue to steward the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples of the Americas such as Zapotecs from Oaxaca, Mexico, reside and further enrich our community; and

WHEREAS, the Board aspires to protect and promote human rights, as set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and numerous other international human rights treaties, and to do so in a spirit of mutual friendship and respect; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports national and state policies, practices intended to help close the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples, Indigenous well-being through sustainable understanding and advancement of their collective experiences, past and present; and

WHEREAS, the Lynwood Unified School District will provide professional development to teachers, staff, in collaboration with reputable professionals who will honor the contributions of diverse people and the accuracy of American History and the contributions of Indigenous people.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE LYNWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION:

- Expresses deep appreciation for our City's long and diverse history.
- Acknowledges that we are gathered on the land of the Tongva (also known as Gabrieleño) peoples.
- Affirms its opposition to the long legacy of racism towards Indigenous Peoples, which has subjected them to social inequities and hardships, and recognizes their enduring spirit.

- Acknowledges that many modern American cities were founded upon exclusions and erasures of many Indigenous peoples, including those on whose land this institution is located. This acknowledgement demonstrates a commitment to beginning the process of working to dismantle the ongoing legacies of settler colonialism.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this resolution be made an integral part of the Minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting of this Board.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October 2021.

PRESIDENT, GOVERNING BOARD

Maria G. Lopez – Board President

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