

# Resolution

## MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 15-16-09

*Honoring*

### **CALIFORNIA NATIVE AMERICAN DAY**

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, Governor Ronald Reagan signed a resolution calling for a holiday titled American Indian Day, to be held the fourth Friday in September; and in 1998, the California Legislature passed Assembly Bill 1953, which made **Native American Day**, the fourth Friday of each September, an official state holiday, which was enacted into the California Education Codes as Section Number 37220.7; and

**WHEREAS**, locally we honor Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation on California Native American Day and observe this day annually to recognize Native American cultures and contributions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Esselen people have been indigenous to the Greater Monterey County area for more than 10,000 years and from their known ancestral tribal villages from the coast to inland, the Esselen people hunted, traded, lived peacefully together, and built a vibrant, healthy and culturally rich society; and

**WHEREAS**, Esselen ancestors developed roads by following deer trails and creek beds in Monterey County and in 2013 California State Legislature designated a specific portion of State Highway Route 68, one of the Esselen people's most used routes, as the Ohlone Costanoan Esselen Highway; and

**WHEREAS**, indigenous people were the original stewards of our land and have a great reverence for the earth and its bounty, and generously shared their knowledge with the early European settlers so that we still enjoy that harvest today with an agricultural industry that supports America and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the history of the Americas, Native Peoples have been an integral part of the American character; and, against great odds, they have endured and retained invaluable political, social and moral presence and have flourished with vibrant cultures and rich traditions:

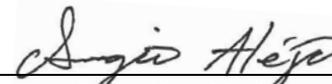
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby adopt Resolution Number 15-16-09 to honor and recognize **Ohlone/Costanoan-Esselen Nation on California Native American Day** on September 25, 2015 and to mark the achievements and contributions of indigenous peoples in California and in the United States of America, and call upon all educators to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

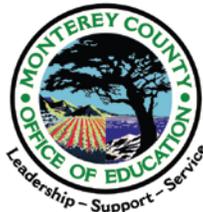
**Passed and Adopted  
on the  
Second Day of September 2015**

  
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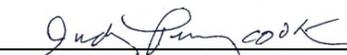
  
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