

**DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT PROCLAMATION:
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY
TO BE THE SECOND MONDAY OF OCTOBER**

WHEREAS, the David Douglas School Board of Education ("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 Board values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous People' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped our district; and

WHEREAS, the Board has established that each student is to be celebrated and appreciated for the distinct and vibrant contributions made by sharing cultures, language, ideas, beliefs and values within a school community; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the fact that the David Douglas School District is built upon the homelands and villages, and traditional use areas of the Multnomah and Clackamas Chinookan of this region, without whom the building of the District would not be possible; and

WHEREAS, the District has an adopted equity policy that states our commitment to closing the achievement gap for Indigenous Peoples and creating an educational environment where all students can benefit equally from the educational programs offered; and

WHEREAS, the District is working towards eliminating the racial predictability and disproportionality on all aspects of education and has recently established a Racial Equity Committee; and

WHEREAS, the idea of Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations; and

WHEREAS, the Oregon American Indian/Alaska Native State Plan mandates that the public schools of our District teach about the history, culture, contemporary lives, and governments of the Indigenous peoples of the Americas, with special emphasis on those from Oregon and across the Pacific Northwest.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frieda Christopher, Chair of the David Douglas School Board of Director, do hereby proclaim every second Monday of October to be

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

in the David Douglas School District.

The District shall encourage staff to utilize the second Monday in October as an opportunity to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people of this land, to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region, and to stand in solidarity with

Indigenous peoples elsewhere. Appropriate District's calendars and websites shall reference the second Monday of October, as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

The struggles and achievement of Indigenous Peoples contributed profoundly to the culture and community of the District. The District affirms the contributions and reaffirms its ongoing commitment to building awareness and an inclusive society.

The David Douglas Board of Directors strongly encourages our staff and community to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of Native Americans to our country, our state, our cities, and our schools.

Signed:

Freeda J. Christopher
Chair, David School District Board of Directors

Date:

9-27-18