

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271  
Bloomington, Minnesota

**REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD ACTION**

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: September 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Indigenous Peoples' Day Proclamation

ORIGINATION DEPARTMENT: Academic Services

APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATOR: Jenna Mitchler, PhD  
Assistant Superintendent 

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**RESOLUTION FOR BOARD TO ADOPT:**

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 approves the attached proclamation declaring Monday, October 14, 2019, as Indigenous Peoples' Day in the Bloomington Public Schools.

**RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT:**

Approve.

**DETAILED BACKGROUND:**

Indigenous Peoples' Day (also known as Native American Day) is a day that celebrates and honors the Indigenous Peoples of North America.

On October 7, 2016, Governor Mark Dayton proclaimed the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day for the State of Minnesota.



## **Indigenous Peoples' Day October 14, 2019**

WHEREAS, The land now known as the State of Minnesota has been home to the Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial, and without whom, the building of this state would not have been possible; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples have made essential contributions to the landscape of Minnesota, including traditional knowledge, experience, labor, technology, science, philosophy, industry, arts, as well as their cultural belief system that stipulates Indigenous peoples as protectors and stewards of our natural environment for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, Independent School District 271 joins a growing number of government entities across the country that have recognized the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, in order to promote appreciation, tolerance, reconciliation, understanding, friendship, and continued partnerships among all of its people and the Indigenous peoples of this land.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Bloomington School Board, hereby proclaim Monday, October 14, 2019, to be

### **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY**

in the Bloomington Public Schools. We encourage all staff, students, families and residents to join in celebrating the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultures and traditions of Indigenous Peoples and to continue honoring the contributions of Indigenous Peoples throughout the year.

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Maureen Bartolotta, Chair  
Bloomington School Board  
September 23, 2019