Corvallis School District 509J

Resolution Number 20-1002

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus, a man who is inaccurately described as having "discovered" the Americas, came upon land that was already inhabited by Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, Columbus' voyage to the Americas led to the introduction of transatlantic slavery, land dispossession, and genocidal acts against Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, The City of Corvallis and current day Benton County are on lands fully inhabited by the Kalapuya people before removal for settlers; and

WHEREAS, education is a necessary component for creating a more equitable and anti-racist community, nation, and world; and

WHEREAS, The Corvallis School District has made a commitment to equity and anti-racism; and

WHEREAS, The Corvallis School District has an opportunity to uniquely reach and educate children as touchstone in the community; and

WHEREAS, The Corvallis School District has a responsibility to honor and respect the diverse histories of our community; and

WHEREAS, The Corvallis School District recognizes and acknowledges the significant contributions made in our community by Indigenous People and commits to ensure greater understanding of these contributions by all students through Oregon SB-13 curriculum; 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 State of Oregon does not formally recognize Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, The City of Corvallis has proclaimed the second day of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Corvallis since 2015; and

WHEREAS, The State of Oregon has proclaimed the second day of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Oregon since 2017;

WHEREAS, This day should be recognized for the Indigenous peoples of the Americas.

Therefore, let it be resolved by the Board of Education of the Corvallis School District:

do hereby proclaim **Monday, October 12, 2020** as well as the second Monday of October annually, as **Indigenous Peoples' Day** in the District and strongly encourage families, staff, and community members to join in existing local Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrations;

and encourage all schools in the district to help highlight this day in grade appropriate ways as well as highlight the contributions of Indigenous peoples to the local community, nation, and beyond both historically and in current times.

Adopted this day October 8, 2020

Signed:

8 Oct, 2020

Sami Al-Abdrabbuh
Board Chair

Attested:

Ryan Noss
Superintendent