



**A RESOLUTION** of the Wake County Public School System Board of Education, reaffirming the Board's commitment to promote the well-being and growth of every student in our district, especially of our American Indian and Indigenous students.

District 4 (*East Raleigh*)  
**Keith Sutton, Chair**  
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**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that American Indians, who have inhabited this continent since long before their first contact with English settlers, shared their knowledge of the land and its resources, and have continued to play a vital role in the development of the local communities, the state of North Carolina, and the nation; and

District 3 (*North Raleigh*)  
**Roxie Cash, Vice Chair**  
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**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is home to more than 122,000 American Indians, and has eight historic tribes; and

District 1 (*Northeast Wake*)  
**Heather L. Scott**  
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**WHEREAS**, as of the 2019-20 school year, nearly 400 Wake County Public School System students, identified themselves as American Indian; and

District 2 (*Southeast Wake*)  
**Monika Johnson-Hostler**  
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**WHEREAS**, the Board values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts and the deep cultural contribution that has substantially shaped the character of Wake County; and

District 5 (*South Central Raleigh*)  
**Jim Martin**  
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District 6 (*Central Raleigh*)  
**Christine Kushner**  
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**WHEREAS**, despite this, there are disparities in the fair treatment of our American Indian tribes, and insufficient acknowledgment of the historic destruction of our indigenous cultures;

District 7 (*West Raleigh/Morrisville*)  
**Chris Heagarty**  
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**WHEREAS**, the Board seeks to combat prejudice and eliminate discrimination, and to promote awareness, understanding and good relations among indigenous peoples and all other segments of our school district; and

District 8 (*Southern Wake*)  
**Lindsay Mahaffey**  
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**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of North Carolina has proclaimed the second Monday in October as "**INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY**" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens;

District 9 (*Western Wake*)  
**Bill Fletcher**  
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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that all schools in the Wake County Public School System are encouraged to support the well-being and growth of American Indian and Indigenous students every day, and especially recognize the contributions of Native Peoples on Oct. 12, 2020, Indigenous Peoples' Day.