

**Ohlone Community College District  
Resolution No. 10/09-10**



Whereas, In this month when we celebrate Thanksgiving, we also take time to recognize and celebrate the heritage, culture, and contributions of the Native American Indian people to this great nation; and

Whereas, For ten thousand years or more the ancestors of the Ohlone Indians lived, gave birth, hunted, fished, harvested, grew old, and died here in the San Francisco Bay Area; and

Whereas, The Ohlones or "People of the West." were distinguished by peaceful pursuits, especially in agriculture, and held a profound reverence for the earth, believing it was theirs for living and not for the taking; and

Whereas, The institution "Ohlone College", was so named on June 18, 1967, to honor the early Ohlone Indians of the Costanoan tribe who inhabited the Fremont and Newark areas; and

Whereas, In 1990 President George Bush approved a joint resolution designating November as "National American Indian Heritage Month," and

Whereas, National American Indian Heritage Month is celebrated to recognize intertribal cultures and to educate the public about the heritage, history, art, and traditions of the Native American Indian; and

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby honors and recognizes the month of November, 2009 as Native American Heritage Month; and

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees encourages the Ohlone College community to learn more about the history and heritage of Native Americans in the Bay Area, the State of California, and the Nation. By such actions we reaffirm our appreciation of and respect for their deeply held values and traditions, nurturing this important part of our culture for generations yet to come.

PASSED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

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Secretary of the Board of Trustees  
Ohlone Community College District  
Alameda County, State of California