



Student Government

University of Alaska Southeast

United Students of the University of Alaska Southeast-Juneau Campus

Resolution 1516 - 01

Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day

Sponsored By: Senator David Russell-Jensen & Vice President Austin Tagaban

Date of Introduction: 9/11/15

Purpose: To recognize an "Indigenous Peoples' Day" on the second Monday of October annually so as to acknowledge the immense losses of indigenous peoples worldwide.

Whereas: We recognize and acknowledge the tremendous and innumerable contributions made worldwide by indigenous peoples, cultures, and languages, as well as the inherent value of indigenous peoples, cultures, and languages;

Whereas: We seek to honor the role of UAS in aiding towards the revitalization of Tlingit, Haida, Tsimshian, and all other Alaska Native languages;

Whereas: We recognize that indigenous peoples were established and thriving long before Christopher Columbus, and that his legacy is as a colonizer and active participant in genocide;

Whereas: We seek to actively participate in the decolonization of the Institution of the University of Alaska, Southeast, Juneau Campus, located on Áak'w K̄wáan Aaní, Áak'w K̄wáan land, where per our mission statement we seek to "enhance student learning ... with the cultures of Southeast Alaska";

Whereas: We recognize UAS does not officially commemorate or honor Columbus Day and that it is not an official holiday in the State of Alaska;

Be It Resolved:

That we honor and recognize an Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday of October annually, effective immediately.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be sent to: Chancellor Caulfield, Vice Chancellor Joe Nelson, Provost Priscilla Schulte, Professor Sol Neely, Professor Amanda Sesko, Professor Lance Twitchell, Kolene James, Katie Bausler, Eric Scott, Tlingit & Haida Central Council, Sealaska Heritage, and Goldbelt Heritage Foundation

This Resolution is to take effect: 9/18/15

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President Callie Conerton