UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S DAY

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is committed to providing an inclusive campus community that challenges students to develop their intellectual, personal, cultural, and social competencies; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire’s Inclusive Excellence Plan has the goal to create an inclusive and welcoming climate; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is an active participant in the AAC&U Liberal Education and America’s Promise (LEAP), which recognizes as Essential Learning Outcomes the need for students to achieve “civic knowledge and engagement—local and global,” “intercultural knowledge and competence,” and “ethical reasoning and action;” and

WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Equity Scorecard found that most students of color are not satisfied with the racial climate on the campus; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Day is disparaging towards Indigenous
Peoples as it condones Columbus' act of violence;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is in support of changing Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the Student Senate of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire supports renaming all mentions of Columbus Day from the University; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that upon passage a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost/Vice Chancellor; Dr. Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs; Dr. Joseph Abhold, Dean of Students; Mitch Freymiller, Chair, University Senate; Dr. Martin Hanifin, Vice Chancellor, Administration & Finance; Dr. Jesse Dixon, Director, Multicultural Affairs; Dr. Debra Barker, Program Director, American Indian Studies; Dr. Heather Ann Moody, Advisor, Native American Student Association; Odawa White, Retention Coordinator, Office of Multicultural Affairs; and Ashley Duffy, President, Native American Student Association.

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