

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION**

IN SUPPORT OF NOVEMBER AS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

1 WHEREAS, Student Senate is the official voice of the student body of the University of Wisconsin-
2 Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire); and

3 WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire is committed to acknowledge and celebrate diverse populations; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating
5 November 1990 “National American Indian Heritage Month.” and since then, the month’s name has been
6 changed to Native American Heritage Month; and

7 WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin is home to 11 of the 573 federally recognized Native Tribes
8 with sovereignty; and

9 WHEREAS, the UW-Eau Claire campus recognizes that it occupies the sacred and ancestral lands
10 of the Ojibwe, Ho-Chunk, and Dakota Nations; and

11 WHEREAS, visibility is a critical component in the realization of equity, diversity, and inclusion;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month aims to showcase the resilience of Native
14 Americans throughout history to contemporary issues; and

15 WHEREAS, recently, UW-Eau Claire rededicated the University Seal, the Council Oak Tree, and
16 has officially implemented a land recognition along with it in the Fall of 2019; and

17 WHEREAS, the recognition of Native American Heritage Month provides an opportunity to
18 recognize the meaningful contributions that Native Americans have impacted in the United States;

19 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Student Senate at UW-Eau Claire acknowledges and
20 celebrates the meaningful philosophies and contributions that indigenous perspectives have provided and
21 continue to provide; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Student Senate officially recognizes November as Native
23 American Heritage Month; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Student Senate calls on its administration to continue to recognize
25 November as Native American Heritage Month; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Student Senate will support current and future University
27 initiatives that are aimed at improving campus climate for individuals with marginalized identities; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, members of the Student Senate will make every effort to attend
29 all the University's Native American Heritage Month events this November; and

30 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson will
31 transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Klein, Provost and Vice Chancellor,
32 Academic Affairs; Albert Colom, Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management; John Haven III, Vice
33 Chancellor, Finance and Administration; Dr. Warren Anderson, Vice Chancellor, Equity, Diversity,
34 Inclusion, and Student Affairs; Holly Hassemer, University Senate; Chris Jorgenson, Director, Gender and
35 Sexuality Resource Center; Teresa O'Halloran, Director, Affirmative Action; Kristin Schumacher,
36 Director, University Centers; Dang Yang, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs; Demetrius Smith,
37 Program Director Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and Student Affairs; Vicky Thomas, Director, Services
38 for Students with Disabilities; Heather Ann Moody, Assistant Professor of American Indian Studies and
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