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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Student Senate will support current and future University initiatives that are aimed at improving campus climate for individuals with marginalized identities; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, members of the Student Senate will make every effort to attend all the University’s Native American Heritage Month events this November; and

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

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