

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

16th ANNUAL STATE OF THE TRIBES ADDRESS

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

3 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is committed to promoting and supporting
4 equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) efforts; and

5 WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is home to more than 100 self-identified Native
6 American students; and

7 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to 11 Federally recognized tribes: Bad River Band of Lake Superior
8 Chippewa Indians, Forest County Potawatomi Community, Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac Coultre Oreilles Band of
9 Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Lac Du Flambeau Band of Superior Chippewa Indians, Menominee
10 Indian Tribe, Oneida Nation, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. St. Croix Band of
11 Chippewa Indians, Sokaogan Chippewa Community, and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican
12 Indians; and

13 WHEREAS, The State of the Tribe Address is an annual event that gives Wisconsin Native
14 American leaders the opportunity to address Wisconsin's legislative body pertaining to issues in Indian
15 Country; and

16 WHEREAS, The 16th Annual State of the Tribes address was given by Forest County Potawatomi
17 Chairman, Ned Daniels, Jr.; and

18 WHEREAS, The State of the Tribes address is vital to the relationship between sovereign Tribal
19 Nations and Wisconsin State Government; and

20 WHEREAS, On February 18, 2020 Chairman Ned Daniels addressed the Wisconsin's legislative
21 body pertaining the issues facing Indian Country which includes the opioid crisis, Missing and
22 Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and the violence that Indigenous women
23 are disproportionately subjected to; and

24 WHEREAS, The State of the Tribe address not only serves to express concerns through Indian
25 Country but also serves to celebrate the contributions and success of Tribal Nations and Native people;
26 and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate honors and recognizes all 11
28 Wisconsin Tribal Nations as Sovereign Nations; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the UW-Student Senate supports the State of the Tribes Address and
30 the messages conveyed; and

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Senate will continue to acknowledge the land they
32 inhabit, and the Nations that were forcibly and heinously removed from it; and

33 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson will transmit a
34 copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Warren Anderson, Vice Chancellor, Equity, Diversity,
35 Inclusion and Student Affairs; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Klein, Provost and Vice
36 Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dang Yang, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Chris
37 Jorgenson, Director, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; Teresa O'Halloran, Director, Affirmative
38 Action; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers, Evan Weiher, University Senate, Vicky

39 Thomas, Director, Services for Students with Disabilities, Kelly Holzer, Staff Council; Miranda Ricci,
40 Student Body President, UW-ECBC, Heather Ann Moody, Inter-Tribal Student Council Advisor, Maggie
41 Jensen, Inter-Tribal Student Council Advisor, Edward Sobottka, Inter-Tribal Student Council Advisor,
42 Tressa Lange, Inter-Tribal Student Council President.

SUBMITTED BY:

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