UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

16th ANNUAL STATE OF THE TRIBES ADDRESS

WHEREAS, Student Senate is the official voice of the student body at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UWEC); and
WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is committed to promoting and supporting equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) efforts; and
WHEREAS, The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is home to more than 100 self-identified Native American students; and
WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to 11 Federally recognized tribes: Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Forest County Potawatomi Community, Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Lac Du Flambeau Band of Superior Chippewa Indians, Menominee Indian Tribe, Oneida Nation, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, St. Croix Band of Chippewa Indians, Sokaogan Chippewa Community, and the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians; and
WHEREAS, The State of the Tribe Address is an annual event that gives Wisconsin Native American leaders the opportunity to address Wisconsin’s legislative body pertaining to issues in Indian Country; and
WHEREAS, The 16th Annual State of the Tribes address was given by Forest County Potawatomi Chairman, Ned Daniels, Jr.; and
WHEREAS, The State of the Tribes address is vital to the relationship between sovereign Tribal Nations and Wisconsin State Government; and
WHEREAS, On February 18, 2020 Chairman Ned Daniels addressed the Wisconsin’s legislative body pertaining the issues facing Indian Country which includes the opioid crisis, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and the violence that Indigenous women are disproportionately subjected to; and
WHEREAS, The State of the Tribe address not only serves to express concerns through Indian Country but also serves to celebrate the contributions and success of Tribal Nations and Native people; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the UW-Eau Claire Student Senate honors and recognizes all 11 Wisconsin Tribal Nations as Sovereign Nations; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the UW-Student Senate supports the State of the Tribes Address and the messages conveyed; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Senate will continue to acknowledge the land they inhabit, and the Nations that were forcibly and heinously removed from it; and
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson will transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Warren Anderson, Vice Chancellor, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Student Affairs; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Klein, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dang Yang, Director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, Chris Jorgenson, Director, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; Teresa O’Halloran, Director, Affirmative Action; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University Centers, Evan Weiher, University Senate, Vicky
Thomas, Director, Services for Students with Disabilities, Kelly Holzer, Staff Council; Mirranda Ricci, Student Body President, UW-ECBC, Heather Ann Moody, Inter-Tribal Student Council Advisor, Maggie Jensen, Inter-Tribal Student Council Advisor, Edward Sobottka, Inter-Tribal Student Council Advisor, Tressa Lange, Inter-Tribal Student Council President.

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