UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE - STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION

IN CELEBRATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY

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

WHEREAS, the purpose of Indigenous Peoples’ Day is to recognize and celebrate the existence, culture, and contributions of the Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, and its respective state entities, still recognize the second Monday of October as Christopher Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, many states and cities are replacing Columbus Day for Indigenous Peoples’ Day on the second Monday of October; and

WHEREAS, Governor Tony Evers signed an executive order in 2019 to recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples’ Day in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, fourteen states and more than 130 cities celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day; and

WHEREAS, 0.2% of the students on our campus identify as “American Indian”; and

WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire’s Office of Multicultural Affairs has been hosting Indigenous Peoples’ Day celebrations for the past several years.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate officially recognizes and will continue to recognize the second Monday of October as Indigenous People’s Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate encourages other students, faculty, and staff to attend the campus events centering around Indigenous peoples in the future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate will support current and future University initiatives aimed to support the campus climate for people of color; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate calls upon University Administration to acknowledge the importance of the day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire Student Senate encourages Administration to include Indigenous Peoples’ Day on the “University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire Detailed Academic Calendar” to promote awareness; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Mikoulinskii will transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Olga Diaz, Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion & Student Affairs; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Dang Yang, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs; Teresa O’Halloran, Director, Affirmative Action; Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; William Felz, Interim Vice

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2 https://bouldercolorado.gov/services/indigenous-peoples-day
4 https://www.uwec.edu/institutional-research/factbook-landing-page/factbook-enrollment/
Chancellor, Enrollment Management; Jake Wrasse M.A., Legislative and Community Relations Liaison; Kristin Schumacher M.A., Director, University Centers; Grace Arrigoni, Student Body President, UW-Eau Claire Barron County; Heather Ann Moody, Advisor, Inter-Tribal Student Council; Maggie Jensen, Associate Student Services Coordinator, Office of Multicultural Affairs;

SUBMITTED BY:
Eddie Noyes, Equity In Student Matters Commission Member
On-Campus Senator