



Associated Students of Western Washington University
Board of Directors

A Resolution Recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day
October 2016

WHEREAS, The second Monday of October serves as Columbus day in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, City of Bellingham as well as Washington State doesn't celebrate Columbus Day; and,

WHEREAS, According to the Treaty of Point Elliot, Western Washington University and the Bellingham community sit on colonized Coast Salish Land; and,

WHEREAS, Coast Salish Tribes including Nooksack Indian Tribe and the Tummi Nation have lived, worked, fished and played in Bellingham community long before it was established ; and,

WHEREAS, The era of colonization and the genocide actions of Christopher Columbus have led to historical trauma with various cultures and people, namely Coast Salish populations ; and,

WHEREAS, Western Washington University has a commitment to diversity, inclusion and equity and should celebrate and recognize its' Indigenous students ; and,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Associated Students will continue to support and recognize the historical struggles of Native American students on campus.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, The Associated Students will continue to support and recognize the historical struggles of Native American students on campus.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, The Associated Students will recognize every second Monday in October as Indigenous People Day.

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