



**A Resolution Supporting and Recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day**

**Sponsors:** Jesse Rodriguez and Chase Sheriff

**Co-Sponsor:** Tyler Gelrud and Tristan Torres

**WHEREAS**, The Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that operates as an auxiliary organization of California State University, Fullerton, and

**WHEREAS**, ASI is governed by the ASI Board of Directors, sets policy for the organization, approves all funding allocations to programs and services, and advocates on behalf of student interests on committees and boards, and

**WHEREAS**, ASI provides campus community members with important social, cultural, and recreational opportunities, as well as, a wide range of programs and services, and

**WHEREAS**, ASI encourages and supports the activities of all CSU Fullerton recognized student organizations whose activities stimulate individual and group participation within the university community, and

**WHEREAS**, ASI has previously passed Resolutions in support of marginalized communities on campus, and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous People are a marginalized community on our campus, and

**WHEREAS**, the definition of Indigenous, in regards to Indigenous People, is “people defined in international or national legislation as having a set of specific rights based on their historical ties to a particular territory, and their cultural or historical distinctiveness from other populations that are often politically dominant,”<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the Gabrielino Tribe was known to inhabit the geographic area of the Los Angeles Basin,<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, 43% of all bachelor's degrees granted to California's American Indian/Alaska Native students are conferred by the CSU System,<sup>3</sup> and

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.indigenouspeople.net/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.gabrielinotribe.org/historical-sites-1/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www2.calstate.edu/impact-of-the-csu/diversity>

**WHEREAS**, 3.7% of CSU Fullerton Students are reported to be American Indian, Multiracial with American Indian, or Hispanic with American Indian, <sup>4</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Student Council (ITSC) and Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán (M.E.Ch.A.) are recognized student organizations at CSUF who are dedicated to celebrating the culture of the Indigenous community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Tribal Student Council is a recognized student organization at CSU Fullerton whose mission is to promote, “the success of the Indigenous student body and celebrates the diverse cultures that compose it,” <sup>5</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, “Movimiento Estudiantil Chicanx de Aztlán (M.E.Ch.A) is a student organization that promotes higher education, cultura, and historia,” and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently 10 National Holidays recognized by the Federal Government; none of which pay direct tribute to Indigenous People,<sup>6</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the idea to commemorate the history and culture of Indigenous People was first proposed at the first International NGO Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas in 1977,<sup>7</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, Christopher Columbus is largely recognized to have discovered the Americas, however, his exploration efforts led to the “misery and degradation to the native peoples of this hemisphere,” <sup>8</sup> and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Los Angeles replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day following several US cities - including Seattle, Denver, and Albuquerque among others,<sup>9</sup> and therefore let it be

**RESOLVED**, that ASI recognizes the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day, in an effort to commemorate the contributions and culture of the Indigenous community, and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that ASI encourages the student government organizations at all CSU/UC campuses to recognize and support Indigenous Peoples Day, and let it be further

**RESOLVED**, that ASI encourages the University to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on all academic calendars available to CSU Fullerton students, and let it be further

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<sup>4</sup> Retrieved from the Office of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at CSU Fullerton

<sup>5</sup> <https://fullerton.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/itsc>

<sup>6</sup> <http://codes.findlaw.com/us/title-5-government-organization-and-employees/5-usc-sect-6103.html>

<sup>7</sup> <http://time.com/4971178/indigenous-peoples-day-history-columbus-day/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/10/05/learning/should-the-united-states-celebrate-columbus-day.html>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-indigenous-peoples-day-20171003-story.html>

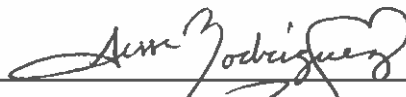
**RESOLVED**, that ASI encourages the Fullerton City Council to publicly support and recognize Indigenous Peoples Day, and let it be finally

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be distributed to the California State University Board of Trustees, California State Student Association, all CSU Student Governments, all UC Student Governments, the Governor of California, the California State Senator of the 29th district, the California State Assembly Member of the 65th district, the Fullerton City Council, and the following CSU Fullerton departments, divisions, and/or entities for their support and consideration: Office of the President, the President's Advisory Board, Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs, Office of the Vice President of Administration and Finance, Office of the Vice President for University Advancement, Office of the Dean of Students, and the Academic Senate.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., on the twenty eighth day of November in the year two thousand and seventeen.

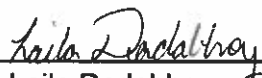


Nicholas Jakel  
Chair, Board of Directors



Jesse Rodriguez  
Vice Chair/Secretary, Board of Directors

Associated Students, California State University, Fullerton, Inc., President/CEO, does hereby  
[  ] approve / [  ] refuse to approve this resolution.

  
Laila Dadabhoy  
ASI President/CEO

11/29/2017

Date