

A Resolution Commending the University for Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day as the second Monday in October

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WHEREAS the Council of Graduate Students unanimously passed a resolution, on September 29, 2017, calling upon the University to adopt Indigenous Peoples' Day as the second Monday of October; and

WHEREAS the Undergraduate Student Government and the Inter-Professional Council passed similar resolutions on October 25, 2017 and November 19, 2017 respectively; and

WHEREAS the University Senate's Council on Enrollment and Student Progress, Council on Student Affairs, and the Diversity Committee all took action in the 2017-2018 Academic Year in support of the University's recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday in October on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS the university leadership at Ohio State has worked extensively on this issue; and

WHEREAS on March 13, 2018 the Office of the Registrar updated the university's academic calendar to include Indigenous Peoples' Day; and

WHEREAS celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day will support the University's vision of being the model 21st-century public, land grant, research, urban, community engaged institution; and

WHEREAS celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day will also support the University mission's recognition of diversity and inclusion being essential components for its excellence; and

WHEREAS having the citizens of the United States of America recognize and celebrate the heritage of Indigenous Peoples will help them appreciate the true history and treatment of Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS this accomplishment is the due to the efforts of several individuals at Ohio State,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University Senate thanks Alan Loper, 2017-18 Chair of the Council on Enrollment and Student Progress; Stephen Post, 2017-18 Chair of the Council on Student Affairs; and, Wendy Smooth, 2017-18 Chair of the Senate Diversity Committee for supporting this change to the academic calendar; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Senate thanks Andrew Jackson, 2017-18 President of the Undergraduate Student Government, and Sara Adelman, 2017-18 President of the Inter-Professional Council, for supporting this change to the academic calendar; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Senate thanks Jack Miner, University Registrar, for supporting this change to the academic calendar; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Senate commends Provost Bruce McPheron and members of the President's Cabinet for their support and recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day at Ohio State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Senate especially thanks President Michael Drake for demonstrating his commitment to Ohio State and its faculty, staff, and students, both current and future, and his commitment to diversity by supporting Indigenous Peoples' Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University Senate calls upon its Secretary to widely disseminate this resolution to members of the University community.