



Coalition of Student Leaders

Resolution 2017-05

Recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day throughout the University of Alaska

Whereas: the Indigenous peoples of the lands that would later become known as Alaska have occupied these lands since time immemorial, and Alaska is built upon the homelands and community of the Indigenous peoples of this region, without whom the building of the State, Municipalities, Boroughs, and school systems would not be possible; and

Whereas: individual University of Alaska campuses may already recognize and celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday of October; and

Whereas: the Honorable Governor Bill Walker of the State of Alaska has signed proclamations temporarily recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday of October the past two years; and

Whereas: the Coalition of Student Leaders ("Coalition"), representing diverse students throughout the University of Alaska system, recognizes the ongoing human rights struggles of Indigenous peoples; and

Whereas: the Coalition values the many contributions made to the University of Alaska and to our communities through Indigenous Peoples' intellectual authority, technology, science, literature, philosophy, arts, and all other deep cultural contributions; and

Whereas: the Coalition celebrates the inherent value Indigenous peoples contribute to the University of Alaska through their teaching, research, scholarship, and participation on campuses and in the community; and

Whereas: the Coalition mission statement and Regents' Policy 01.01.01 recognize that the University of Alaska "inspires learning, and advances and disseminates knowledge... emphasizing the North and its diverse peoples" including Alaska's Indigenous peoples;

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Therefore be it resolved: that the Coalition requests the University of Alaska system ceremonially recognizes Indigenous Peoples' Day annually on the second Monday of October;

Be it further resolved: that this resolution be transmitted to the University of Alaska Board of Regents, President James Johnsen, Faculty Alliance, Alaska Native Studies Council; and University of Alaska Anchorage Diversity Action Council, Native Student Council; and University of Alaska Fairbanks Native Student Union; and University of Alaska Southeast Diversity Action Committee, Wooncheen Club, and First Alaskans Institute.

Adopted unanimously by the Coalition of Student Leaders the 20th day of April 2017.

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Colby Freel, Chair