



## 73<sup>RD</sup> STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

**Resolution #:** 6

**Primary Sponsor:** Villacorta & Ramos

**WHEREAS:** Florida State University has official traditions, titles, and positions relating to the culture and history of the Seminole people, and

**WHEREAS:** Florida State University was granted a waiver by the NCAA in 2005 for the use of such imagery due to “unique relationship between the university and the Seminole Tribe of Florida”, and

**WHEREAS:** The Seminole Tribal Council of Florida stated in 2005 that, “(the) Seminole Tribe of Florida has an established relationship with Florida State University”, and

**WHEREAS:** The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma also has claim to the title of “Seminole”, and

**WHEREAS:** The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council passed a resolution on October 26th, 2013 stating that, “The Seminole Nation condemns the use of all American Indian sports team mascots in the public school system, by college and university level and by professional teams” and,

**WHEREAS:** Florida State University has no official affiliation, relationship, or channels of communication with the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, and

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEVENTY SECOND STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:** The Student Senate believes that The Florida State University Administration and Student Government Association should continue its dialogue with the Seminole Tribe of Florida and expand the means in which the Student Body are educated about Indigenous history and contemporary Indigenous movements, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** The Student Senate believes that The Florida State University Administration and Student Government Association must begin to reach out to other Indigenous Nations affiliated with the title of Seminole for their input and consent on the use of Seminole imagery and affiliation by the University.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** a copy of this resolution is sent to the following:

Marcellus W. Osceola Jr, Chairman of the Seminole Tribal Council of Florida  
Greg Chilcoat, Principal Chief of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma  
John E. Thrasher, President of Florida State University

*Alexander D. Harmon*

**OFFICIAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Senate President**

**SENATE VOTE: Unanimous Consent  
PASSED: 20<sup>th</sup> of JANUARY, 2021**