



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

74th STUDENT SENATE Senate Resolution

Resolution #: 67

Primary Sponsor: DuChêne, Maglin

Co-Sponsor(s): Barrett, Bettley, Burton, Carter, Diaz, Folwell, Kariher, Mantilla, Rivers, Soares, St. Hilaire

Date: 10 October 2022

Whereas: Monday, 10 October marked Indigenous Peoples' Day 2022, and

Whereas: The City of Tallahassee, Leon County, and the broader community of North Florida and Southern Georgia are situated on the traditional and ancestral land of the Apalachee Nation, the Muscogee Creek Nation, the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida – land that remains scarred by the legacy of settler colonial violence, removal, and cultural erasure, and

Whereas: The State of Florida does not officially recognize nor celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day, and

Whereas: The City of Gainesville, in 2018, became the very first city in Florida to officially commemorate Indigenous Peoples' Day, and

Whereas: President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., in 2021, became the first President of the United States to formally proclaim Indigenous Peoples' Day, and

Whereas: On 20 January 1851, the year of this institution's founding, the legislature of the State of Florida passed a bill calling on support from the federal government for the "speedy and final removal of the remnant of Seminole Indians now remaining in Florida," and

Whereas: The Florida State University prides itself on its longstanding relationship, "built on respect," with the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and

Whereas: As of 2022, the Florida State University has officially adopted an institution-wide Native Land Acknowledgement, and

Whereas: The 74th Student Senate at Florida State University amended the 2022 Office of Governmental Affairs Legislative Agenda to include advocating for the development and completion of an interdisciplinary Center for Native American Studies on our campus,

Be it resolved by the Seventy-fourth Student Senate at Florida State University that: This body recognizes and honors Indigenous Peoples' Day today and every day, and

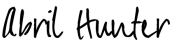
Be it further resolved that: This body reaffirms its commitment to advocate for the development and completion of an established on-campus interdisciplinary Center for Native American Studies, and

Be it further resolved that: This body encourages Florida State University to develop a meaningful and consistent way of commemorating Indigenous Peoples' Day in the future, and

Be it further resolved that: As the largest university in the United States to use Native American imagery in its symbolism and sports traditions, this body encourages Florida State University to further commit to justice, inclusivity, and reconciliation by all means at its disposal, including but not limited to more wide-spread adoption of the institutional land acknowledgment, by increased recruitment and retention of Indigenous faculty and students, by the expansion of Indigenous identity-based scholarships, and a clear commitment to the above clauses, and

Be it further resolved that: A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Dr. Richard McCullough, President, Florida State University
Dr. Jim Clark, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Amy Hecht, Vice President for Student Affairs
Dr. Brandon Bowden, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs
Clay Ingram, Chief Legislative Affairs Officer
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Emma Kiely, Assistant Director, Office of Governmental Affairs
Omer Turkomer, Deputy Director, Office of Governmental Affairs
Ron DeSantis, Governor of Florida
Marcellus W. Osceola Jr., Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida

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Student Senate President

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SENATE VOTE: PASSED BY ACCLIMATION
PASSED: October 26th, 2022