

SONOMA COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE DISTRICT
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY



R E S O L U T I O N

Indigenous Peoples' Day

The Student Government Assembly recognizes the importance of our Indigenous roots. We see it to be the duty of educational institutions to promote the fearless discussion of uncomfortable truths. These truths include a discussion of the invasion, conquest, genocide, and environmental destruction of Indigenous lands and Indigenous peoples that still continues today. We would like to honor our true history by recognizing October 12th as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Junior College District recognizes the annexation of Pomo homelands for the building of our campus, and knows Indigenous nations have lived upon this land since time immemorial, and values the progress our society has accomplished through Indigenous technology, thought, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Junior College District understands that in order to help close the equity gap, government entities, organizations, and other public institutions should change their policies and practices to better reflect the experiences of Indigenous people and honor our country's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and

WHEREAS, the idea of Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the United States federal government, the State of California, and the City of Santa Rosa recognize Columbus Day on the second Monday of October, in accordance with the federal holiday established in 1937; and

WHEREAS, there are a number of California academic institutions of higher learning that are or have recognized October 12th as Indigenous Peoples' day such as: University of California, Berkeley, Sacramento State University, and Stanford University; and

WHEREAS, around the world there is a social awakening of awareness of holidays, symbols, and traditions that are hostile to certain groups; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY, that the Sonoma County Junior College District shall celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day on the second Monday of October with a Big Time (Community event); and

RESOLVE, that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous people on this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Canuilla, Miwok, Pomo, Wappo and other Indigenous nations and people add to our county; and

RESOLVE, that the Sonoma County Junior College District shall continue its efforts to promote the well-being and growth of the Indigenous student body and Indigenous community; and

RESOLVE, that the Sonoma County Junior College District shall recognize October 12th as Indigenous Peoples' Day and take steps toward publishing this day in their official college materials; and

RESOLVE, that seven Tribal Nations of Sonoma County, and Sonoma County Junior College District as well as their student organizations, representative bodies, college-wide committees, and other allied associations show their support by signing this resolution.

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