

# STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSEMBLY

## FALL BREAK RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Santa Rosa Junior College Student Government Assembly is the official voice of the student body; and

WHEREAS, The Santa Rosa Junior College was founded on the land of the Pomo and Coast Miwok Indigenous nations<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS the term “Thanksgiving Break” may be found to be offensive as the holiday has racist roots and alludes to the horrific murders and violence that Native Americans faced from white settlers<sup>2</sup>; and

WHEREAS many Native Americans do not celebrate Thanksgiving as a day of celebration; it is a day of mourning to them<sup>3</sup>; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa Junior College Vision statement states “SRJC aspires to be an inclusive, diverse and sustainable learning community that engages the whole person”<sup>4</sup>; and

WHEREAS by discontinuing the use of the term “Thanksgiving”, Santa Rosa Junior College will be more inclusive to all students; and

WHEREAS the mention of the holidays can trigger feelings of isolation and depression which can decrease academic productivity and the wellbeing of students<sup>5, 6</sup>, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Student Government Assembly that Santa Rosa Junior College changes the name of the scheduled break during the month of November from “Thanksgiving Day Holidays” to “Fall Break”.

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