

Resolution in Support of Celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day on the California State University
Calendar

- Whereas, In 1937, the Knights of Columbus successfully lobbied for the creation of a new holiday called Columbus Day, and
- Whereas, Since 1937, a commitment to raising awareness of Columbus' legacy makes the renaming of this holiday an important step in recognizing native and indigenous history, and
- Whereas, Indigenous Peoples' Day is part of an international movement to address the legacy of colonialism, and
- Whereas, Three states -- Minnesota, Vermont, and Alaska -- celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day, and South Dakota celebrates Native Americans' Day instead of Columbus Day, and
- Whereas, The state of California currently celebrates Native American Day every year in September via a proclamation from the governor, and
- Whereas, Over fifty cities across the United States, including Berkeley, Burbank, Long Beach, San Francisco, San Fernando, San Luis Obispo, Santa Cruz, and Sebastopol celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day, and
- Whereas, Los Angeles County is home to over 500,000 people who identify as Indigenous, and the State of California has over 700,000 Native and Indigenous Peoples, and
- Whereas, Whereas, Cal Poly Pomona is located on the unceded territory of the Tongva, a Native American tribe recognized by the state of California and whose leaders are acknowledged by the California Native American Heritage Commission,
- Whereas, The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has voted to observe Indigenous Peoples' Day and Italian American Heritage Day instead of Columbus Day starting in 2019, and
- Whereas, The celebration of Columbus Day ignores the histories of our Native and Indigenous students, faculty, and staff, and
- Whereas, In 2014, the California Legislature adopted State Assembly Joint Resolution No. 42, which calls for "increased awareness, sensitivity, and respect for issues of sovereignty related to heritage of Native Americans and indigenous peoples," to express our state's commitment to the principles of the United Nations Declarations of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly Pomona expresses its unified support for celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day and removing Columbus Day from the Calendar; and be it further

Resolved, That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly Pomona stands in solidarity with Native and Indigenous people in urging our State and Federal Congressional representatives to draft and pass state and federal legislation to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day and removing Columbus Day from the calendar; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be distributed to the President of Cal Poly Pomona, CSU Chancellor, CSU Board of Trustees, Academic Senate of the CSU, CSU Campus Senate Chairs, California Faculty Association (CFA) Statewide President, CFA Cal Poly Pomona Chapter President, California State Student Association, ASI President of Cal Poly Pomona, California U.S. Senators, and Regional U.S. Congressional Representatives for Districts.