

Associated Students of Northern Michigan University
A resolution to support Indigenous People's Day

Presented on 3/16/2016

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- Sponsor(s): General Studies Representative Sheila Williams
- Co-Sponsor(s): Native American Student Association, American Indian Science and Engineering Society, and Native American Language and Culture Club
- Whereas, In order to advocate for the interests of the students it serves, the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University urges the campus and administration of Northern Michigan University to formally recognize Indigenous People's Day
- Whereas, The observance of Columbus Day is not aligned with the values of inclusion or innovation held by Northern Michigan University
- Whereas, Columbus Day represents the genocide of Indigenous people and mass European colonization of Indigenous lands
- Whereas, Recognizing Indigenous People's Day would serve to further include and celebrate Northern Michigan University's Indigenous population
- Whereas, Many communities, universities, cities, and states recognize Indigenous People's Day on the second Monday in Octoberⁱ
- Whereas, The second Monday in October, which has traditionally been Columbus Day, will be addressed as Indigenous People's Day in campus calendars, communications, and observances
- Resolved, the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University, for the betterment of the students it serves, formally endorses and advocates for the recognition of Indigenous People's Day
- Resolved, that a copy of this resolution will be presented to the Board of Trustees, The President of Northern Michigan University, the Chief Diversity Officer of Northern Michigan University, State Representatives, and to all other appropriate parties.



Katelyn Liubakka, Chair of the Assembly



Lindsey Lieck, President

ⁱ Cities that recognize Indigenous People's Day include Seattle, Minneapolis, and Traverse City. Universities that recognize Indigenous People's Day include Minnesota State University and Brown University.