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A Resolution Supporting and Encouraging the Recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day at the University of Michigan

A bill for the consideration of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government

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Whereas, the mission of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government (hereafter LSA SG) is to “actively seek the voices of LSA students and advocate their interests to improve academic and non-academic life”;¹ and,

Whereas, the mission statement of the LSA SG Diversity Affairs Committee includes addressing issues of inclusion and social justice²; and,

Whereas, the University’s strategic plan for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) encourages student activism in promoting inclusive campus environments and community accountability initiatives³; and,

Whereas, the University of Michigan exists on land sold by and historically connected to Indigenous Peoples⁴ and there are currently eleven federally recognized tribes residing in the state of Michigan today⁵; and,

Whereas, Washtenaw County officially recognizes “the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples Day”;⁶ and,

Whereas, the Central Student Government passed a similar resolution, AR 6-029.

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG strongly urges the College of LSA and the University to officially recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on all calendars; and,

Be it finally resolved, LSA SG shall send this resolution to President Mark Schlissel, LSA Dean Andrew Martin, LSA Associate Dean Angela Dillard, Vice Provost for Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer, Rob Sellers, Director of Native American Studies, Scott Richard Lyons, and Chair of the Department of American Culture, June Howard, and the Office of the Registrar.

¹ The Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government. Article II

² <https://lsa.umich.edu/lasg/committees/diversity-affairs-committee.html>

³ <https://diversity.umich.edu/strategic-plan/>

⁴ <http://www.umich.edu/~aium/about.html>

⁵ <http://www.native-languages.org/michigan.htm>

⁶ http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2015/11/washtenaw_county_changes_colum.html