

# COLORADO COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

## A Resolution to Establish Indigenous Peoples' Day as the Official Holiday of the Second Monday of the Month of October

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COLORADO COLLEGE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

- 1 Preamble: WHEREAS the celebration of the indigenous peoples of the Americas is  
2 consistent with the values of Colorado College and its student body, it is thus a  
3 welcome alternative to Columbus Day,  
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5 & WHEREAS many municipalities and colleges throughout the world have  
6 adopted Indigenous Peoples' Day as a replacement for Columbus Day,  
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8 WHEREAS The Colorado College Student Government recognizes an interest in  
9 representing the interests of students on campus,  
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11 & WHEREAS many students have expressed that Columbus Day, the holiday  
12 typically celebrated in the United States on the second Monday of October, is  
13 personally offensive,  
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15 & WHEREAS the liberal arts model of education promotes continual reevaluation  
16 of traditions,  
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18 & WHEREAS Colorado College and The Colorado College Student Government  
19 Association seek to foster a campus environment that is not only inclusive to all  
20 people, but that fundamentally seeks to uphold a multicultural environment  
21 respectful of the rights and interests of all,  
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23 & WHEREAS the accounts of Christopher Columbus' "discovery" of the  
24 Americas accepted by modern historians do not reflect these values and are thus a  
25 source of great pain to many American Indians who continue to be affected by the  
26 legacy of the colonization of the Americas by those who followed Columbus,  
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28 Be it resolved that the Colorado College Student Government endorses the second  
29 Monday of October be officially celebrated by all relevant offices at Colorado  
30 College as Indigenous Peoples' Day from now on.