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**A RESOLUTION TO: Call for the formal recognition of
Indigenous People’s Day on the second Monday in October at Grand Valley State
University in campus calendars, communications, and observances.**

Recognizing, that the observance of Columbus Day is not aligned with the values of inclusion or innovation held by Grand Valley State University¹;

Recognizing, that Columbus Day represents the genocide of Indigenous people and mass European colonization of Indigenous lands;

Realizing, that acknowledging Indigenous People’s Day would serve to further include and celebrate Grand Valley State University’s Indigenous and diverse student population;

Recognizing, that many communities, universities, cities, and states already recognize Indigenous People’s Day on the second Monday in October²;

Recognizing, that the Associated Students of Grand Valley State University, for the betterment of the students it serves, formally endorses and advocates for the recognition of Indigenous People’s Day;

Recognizing, that departments and multiple student organizations on campus support this call to action, including the Native American Student Association (NASA), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), United Students Against Sweatshops (USASS), Black Student Union (BSU) Asian Student Union (ASU), Students Leaving a Mark (SLAM), We Are Chicago (WAC), Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA);

Let It Be Resolved, In place of Columbus Day, the second Monday in October will be addressed as Indigenous Peoples’ Day in campus calendars, communications, and observances.

1. Grand Valley State University Mission Statement- Mission: Educating students to shape their lives, their professions, and their societies. The university contributes to the enrichment of society through excellent teaching, active scholarship, and public service. <http://www.gvsu.edu/spaa/>

The Grand Valley State University Laker Effect states: The Laker Effect is the collective impact of the Grand Valley community on individual students. West Michigan, our state, and beyond. The Laker Effect is a force for positive change. Lakers are driven by our passion for learning and using that knowledge for the common good. We make a difference by focusing on others and making lasting contributions. The Laker Effect sets us apart as leaders, problem solvers, entrepreneurs, and advocates that help shape the future. <http://www.gvsu.edu/lakereffect/>

2. Cities that recognize Indigenous People's Day include Seattle, Minneapolis, Denver, Los Angeles, Alpena, Ann Arbor, and Traverse City.

Universities that recognize Indigenous People's Day include Minnesota State University, Brown University, Northern Michigan University, University of Michigan (Resolution passed Student Senate), Lake Superior State University, University of Michigan -Dearborn, Michigan Tech, and Central Michigan University.