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SA2122-015: Resolution Formally Recognizing Indigenous Peoples’ Day in La Crosse

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WHEREAS in 2019, the city of La Crosse declared the second Monday of every October as Indigenous Peoples’ Day; and

WHEREAS this year that date falls on Monday, October 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS many other cities and states have made the decision to celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ day in lieu of Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse Student Association has not previously recognized the city’s decision to make this change; and

WHEREAS Columbus Day was named a federal holiday in 1937 to memorialize the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas; and

WHEREAS many historians condemn the idea that Columbus ‘discovered’ an already inhabited land; and

WHEREAS Columbus participated in the enslavement and mass killing of the Taino, resulting in the genocide of several hundred-thousand people (Yale Genocide Studies Program); and

WHEREAS activists condemn Columbus Day for glorifying the history of violent colonization in the Americas; and

WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples’ Day instead honors the histories, contributions, and cultures of indigenous peoples;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Student Association celebrates the third annual Indigenous Peoples' Day in La Crosse.

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Student Association belatedly commends the city of La Crosse for declaring the celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day instead of Columbus Day.

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