

Faculty Senate Routing Form
(Senate Action/Resolution/Recommendation Attached)

I. Item Description

a) Item Title: Proposal to affirm the celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day,

b) Item Identification (Year-Month-Action number): 15160801

c) Brief Description: See attached document for full wording

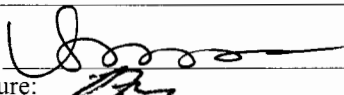
d) Type: Action Resolution Recommendation

e) Initiated by: Executive Committee

II. Faculty Senate Action: approved not approved other date: _____

Senate Vote: 22 Yes 0 No 0 Abstain

Comments: _____

Faculty Senate Chair Signature:  date 9/15/2015

Faculty Senate Secretary Signature:  date 9/15/15

III. Chancellor:

Requested Action:


For information Recognition of receipt
 For Action

Chancellor Action:

approved not approved - See Below

Unit/Person Responsible for implementation

Comments: UNCP DOES NOT FORMALLY CELEBRATE COLUMBUS DAY MAKES RESOLUTION INCOMPLETE. WANT TO SUPPORT CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

Chancellor signature  date 11/10/15

Once finalized, copies will be returned to Special Assistant to the Chancellor who will scan and distribute electronically to: Chancellor, Provost, Chair of Faculty Senate, and Secretary of the Faculty Senate. The latter will post the Proposal/Recommendation/Resolution on the Faculty Senate Website.

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SENATE RESOLUTION 1

**A RESOLUTION TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT
PEMBROKE TO REVISE THE NAME OF COLUMBUS DAY TO INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES' DAY TO BETTER REFLECT AND HONOR OUR SCHOOL'S HERITAGE**

Short Title: Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration Act

Sponsored by: Vice President O'quin

Secondary Sponsors: Senator Alvarado, Senator Atkinson, Secretary Locklear

Signatories:

First Reading: February 25th, 2015

Version Date: February 23rd, 2015

Referred to: Government Operations

- 1 **Section 1.** The Student Senate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke adopts the
2 following Resolution:
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- 4 **WHEREAS,** The holiday known as Columbus Day commemorates the Italian explorer
5 Christopher Columbus and his voyages to the "New World"; and,
- 6 **WHEREAS,** Columbus Day has been a federal holiday since 1937; and,
- 7 **WHEREAS,** The University recognizes that the territory known as the United States of
8 America has been inhabited for thousands of years; and,
- 9 **WHEREAS,** The idea to celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a
10 delegation of Indigenous tribes to the United Nations; and,
- 11 **WHEREAS,** On 6 October 2014, the City of Seattle unanimously adopted a resolution to
12 celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day; and,
- 13 **WHEREAS,** The University values the many contributions made to our community by
14 Indigenous People; and,
- 15 **WHEREAS,** The University has a responsibility to oppose the systematic racism towards
16 indigenous people in the United States, which perpetuates high rates of poverty
17 and income inequality, exacerbating disproportionate health, education, and social
18 crises; and,
- 19 **WHEREAS,** The University promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples
20 through policies and practices that reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples,
21 ensure greater access and opportunity, and honor our nation's indigenous roots,
22 history, and contributions; now therefore so be it,

STUDENT SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE

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23 **RESOLVED**, That the University of North Carolina at Pembroke Student Government supports
24 this Resolution to recognize and celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day in place of
25 Columbus Day; and be it further,

26 **RESOLVED**, That the University of North Carolina at Pembroke Student Government urges the
27 University of public officials to officially recognize and celebrate Indigenous
28 Peoples' Day in place of Columbus Day; and be it further,

29 **RESOLVED**, That University of North Carolina at Pembroke Student Government will work
30 with ODI and other campus centers of diversity advocacy will work to transform
31 this day into a productive day by integrating an educational component (i.e
32 campus programming discussing the history and culture of indigenous people);
33 and be it further,

34 **RESOLVED**, That the University of North Carolina at Pembroke Student Government will
35 pursue efforts at the local, state, and federal levels to advocate for this holiday;
36 and be it further,

37 **Section 2.** This act shall become effective, upon enrollment.
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President of the Senate

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Date

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President

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Date

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