TITLE: A Resolution in Support of Indigenous People's Day

DATE OF INTRODUCTION: December 2nd, 2015

INTRODUCED BY: Andy Ridgeway

I. Purpose

This resolution calls on Boise State University to observe and celebrate Indigenous People's Day in lieu of Columbus Day.

II. Rationale

WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus killed and enslaved the indigenous people of the western hemisphere, establishing the foundation for centuries of violent oppression and economic exploitation; and

WHEREAS, celebrating this legacy of colonization and conquest dishonors the indigenous people of Idaho by eclipsing their status as the original inhabitants of this country and valorizing the traumatic impact of the arrival of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, Boise State University should celebrate Indigenous People's Day to honor the traditions and cultural heritage of the four federally recognized tribes that live in Idaho: the Coeur d'Alene, the Kootenai, the Nez Perce and the Shoshone Bannock.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Associated Students of Boise State University that Boise State University should observe and celebrate Indigenous People's day in lieu of Columbus Day.

III. Provisions

A. This resolution will be delivered, post haste, by the ASBSU President and the Secretary of External Affairs to the people, and bodies, who are capable of making such a change.

B. The ASBSU President, and the Secretary of External Affairs, will work in concert with the other student government presidents, and relevant officers, from all other Idaho institutions of higher education to promote and encourage the passage of similar resolutions.

C. The provisions of this resolution will go into effect immediately.

IV. Fiscal Impact

This resolution has, by its nature, no direct fiscal impact on the university.

TO BE COMMUNICATED TO:
University President, Dr. Bob Kustra; Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Lisa Harris; Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Dr. Leslie Webb; Dean of Students, Dr. Chris Wuthrich; Assistant Vice President for Student Life, Dr. Jeremiah Shinn; Director for Student Diversity and Inclusion, Francisco Salinas; The Arbiter; Idaho Governor, C.L. “Butch” Otter; U.S. Senators Mike Crapo and Jim Risch, U.S. House Representatives Raul Labrador and Mike Simpson; The Idaho State Senate; The Idaho State House of Representatives; The Idaho Statesman, The Boise Weekly, The Spokesman Review: Eye on Boise; Idaho State Board of Education; University Policy Group; Lynn Humphrey, Division of Student Affairs; Sunny Wallace, Senior Director of Development and Alumni Relations.

APPROVAL:

By the ASBSU Student Assembly on 12/1/15 by a vote of Acclamation.

By the ASBSU Speaker of the Assembly:

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Rebecca Kopp

Date 12/1/15

By the ASBSU President:

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Brian Garrettson

Date 1/2/15