Indigenous Peoples Day
ASUSF Resolution 16-17-06

Whereas: The University of San Francisco strives for diversity, tolerance, and acceptance within its community; and

Whereas: Since Columbus Day 2015, at least 14 communities in the United States have passed measures designating the second Monday in October Indigenous Peoples Day; and

Whereas: Historians have largely agreed that Columbus did not “discover” the Americans because the Natives were already here, nor was he the first European to reach the “New World.”; and

Whereas: Columbus brought devastation to the Americas, enslaving indigenous people of the region and decimating the population while opening the Americas up to Europe for the expansion of slave trade at the expense of the indigenous population; and

Whereas: The recognition and acknowledgement of Indigenous People’s Day would showcase the suffering Native American people, students, faculty and staff ancestors have endured during American colonization; and

Whereas: The city of San Francisco does not recognize “Columbus Day” for the Columbus Day Parade; instead, rebranded in 1993 after protest and proudly named it “Italian Heritage Parade”; therefore, be it

Resolved by ASUSF Senate of the University of San Francisco, representing all the undergraduate students of the University: That the University of San Francisco exhibit its stance with inclusivity, diversity and values in its students, faculty and staff, but also to the world, in implementing a change of branding from “Columbus Day” to Indigenous Peoples Day; furthermore, be it

Resolved: By spring of 2017 academic year, that the University of San Francisco rebrand all marketing materials, signs, online calendars, calendars, and more with the name “Columbus Day” to that of Indigenous Peoples Day.

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