



Resolution Policy

	Action Item
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RE: Senate Resolution

Resolution to Observe Indigenous People’s Day at Rowan University

A measure to recognize the second Monday in October as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” in all official communications and notifications at Rowan University to honor and celebrate indigenous people’s history and culture in New Jersey and beyond.

RESOLUTION

Whereas “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” was first introduced in 1977, by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

Whereas the 116th Congress during its session, 10/11/2019, in a bipartisan effort in the House of Representatives, introduced H.Res.627, Expressing support for the designation of the second Monday in October as “Indigenous Peoples’ Day” to celebrate and honor indigenous peoples and their shared history and culture, and;

Whereas at the time of the European arrival in New Jersey, the land was occupied by 8,000 to 10,000 Native Americans known as the Lenni Lenape (meaning "original people"). These inhabitants, part of the Algonkian language group, came to be called the Delaware by the settlers; and

Whereas the reaffirmation of tribal nation status to the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape and other indigenous nations in New Jersey by New Jersey Attorney General S. Gurbir Grenwal in 2018; and

Whereas the City of Princeton became the second local government in New Jersey and the first in the Philadelphia region to celebrate Indigenous Peoples’ Day; and

Whereas Rowan University espouses a responsibility to foster inclusivity, equity, and social justice for all people and opposes systemic practices that perpetuates oppression

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rowan University Senate Diversity Committee formally requests that the university publicly and institutionally acknowledge the interconnectedness of humanity and cultural contributions of Indigenous Peoples of New Jersey and beyond, and does hereby resolve that on the second Monday in October and every year forthwith, as Indigenous Peoples’ Day at Rowan University.

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