



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Washington State University recognizes that the university campuses are built upon the homelands of the Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest who have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, Washington State University values the many contributions made to our society through Indigenous peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and the deep cultural contribution that has shaped the character of Washington State University; and

WHEREAS, Washington State University celebrates the inherent value Indigenous peoples contribute to the university through their teaching, research, scholarship, and participation on campus and in the community; and

WHEREAS, Washington State University promotes through policies and practices that recognize the sovereignty, honor and reflect the presence, and value the perspectives of Indigenous peoples, ensuring greater access and opportunity, and increasing awareness of our nation's Indigenous history and contributions; and

WHEREAS, Washington State University has a formal memorandum of understanding with 12 sovereign tribal nations including the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe, the Kalispel Tribe, the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho, the Nez Perce Tribe, the Quinault Indian Nation, the Spokane Tribe of Indians, and the Yakama Nation to increase access to and Native American achievements at WSU; and this agreement remains open for the inclusion of other sovereign tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, representing Tribes from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Northern California, Western Montana and some Alaskan Tribes, passed resolution #11-57: "Support to Change Columbus Day (2nd Monday of October) to Indigenous Peoples' Day";

AND, WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day offers an opportunity to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous peoples add to our university.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the second Monday in October shall be declared as Indigenous Peoples' Day at Washington State University.

A blue ink signature of Kirk Schulz, the President of Washington State University, written over a horizontal line.

*Proclamation was signed on September 28, 2018 by Kirk Schulz,
President of Washington State University*