



We, the members of the Drake University Student Senate, in accordance with our duties and responsibilities to the progression of our institution do hereby pledge our support for the observance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of October to be Indigenous Peoples' Day at Drake University.

In the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session for the Drake University Student Senate

30 August 2018

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Resolution [183008] – A; Declaration of Indigenous Peoples Day, Drake University

To observe the contributions, efforts, and rights of Indigenous peoples and their land in which we operate on and declare our promotion and protection of the rights and freedoms of Indigenous peoples;

1. *Whereas*, it is the duty of Drake University to “transmit knowledge, pursue truth, and encourage the intellectual and moral development of its students” as stated in the Drake University Statement of Principles, 1991-1992.
2. *Whereas*, Drake University resides, operates, and conducts business on land stolen from the Báxoje (Ioway), Sauk (Sac), and Meskwaki (Fox) peoples;
3. *Whereas*, Indigenous peoples have attended, currently attend, and will continue to attend Drake University in a successful and influential manner;
4. *Whereas*, there is a need to respect and promote the inherent rights of Indigenous peoples deriving from their social structures, cultures, spiritual traditions, histories and philosophies - especially their rights, worth, and dignity to their lands and resources;
5. *Whereas*, we are in a place, historically, where our past and future truth is attempting to be walled off;
6. *Whereas*, in partnership and collaboration with members of Indigenous tribes and groups, Drake University will serve as a beacon of hope to promote the observance of Indigenous peoples deserve;

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*. That the Drake University Student Senate observes and respects the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of October to be Indigenous Peoples' Day at Drake University.