

Resolution: 22-23 RS #XI: Native American Heritage Month

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To read as follows:

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month begins November 1st and ends on the 30th of November; and

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month is national holiday that is used to highlight diverse cultures and histories and to recognize important contributions from Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida in accordance with the Student Government Association is responsible for inclusivity for all students of diverse backgrounds and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, According to UWF's Diversity Plan, diversity is defined as "the various attributes we each possess based on characteristics from birth, experience[s] we have had, and decisions we have made" and inclusion is defined as "acknowledging and leveraging diversity by creating an environment where students, faculty and staff feel accepted, and valued"; and

WHEREAS, The University of West Florida plans to achieve diversity and inclusivity by following strategies and a timeline that will help them complete five diversity goals; and

WHEREAS, the University of West Florida has enrolled 77 students of Native American descent over the last five years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of West Florida Student Government Association Freshmen Committee shall recognize and celebrate the contributions and impact of Native American culture and dedicate a social media post on the SGA Freshman Committee Instagram account. Mr. Patrick Marshall Student Body President Ms. Ariauna Range Senate Pro Tempore