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| **S.1516-106R** | **DATE INTRODUCED:** February 10, 2016 |
| **SPONSORED BY:** Sen. Cadesca, Sen. Mosby, Sen. Alford, Sen. Carrasco | **COMMITTEE: N/A** |
| **SUBJECT:** Indigenous People’s Day Resolution | **COMMITTEE VOTE: N/A** |
| **SENATE VOTE:** 29-0-2 | **LEGISLATIVE RESULT:** Pass |

**Be it hereby proposed that the following be enacted:**

WHEREAS, University at Albany recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial, and

WHEREAS, the University recognizes the fact that New York is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples of this region, without whom the building of the Cities would not have been possible, and

WHEREAS, the University at Albany understands that in order to help close the equity gap, government entities, organizations and other public institutions should change their policies and practices to better reflect the experiences of American Indian people and uplift our country’s Indigenous roots, history, and contributions, and

WHEREAS, The University at Albany has made substantial changes to incorporate the narratives of colonized peoples including the establishment of an Africana Studies ; East Asian American Studies ; Latin American, Caribbean and U.S Latino Studies, and

WHEREAS, Cornell University, University of California, Berkeley and other universities are officially recognizing Indigenous People’s Day in place of Columbus Day;

WHEREAS, the Africana Studies Department, the Latin American, Caribbean and U.S Latino Department, and The Office of Intercultural Student Engagement are in support of recognizing Indigenous People’s Day in place of Columbus Day, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The University at Albany strongly supports the proposition that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Student Association Senate urges the University to recognize Columbus Day as Indigenous People’s Day on any calendar distributed by the university, every year from this day forward, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Student Association Senate urges University at Albany to offer programming on the history of indigenous peoples in the Americas on the aforementioned day, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the SA Senate urges the University to cease class sessions on the second Monday of October to commemorate the Indigenous People’s that occupied this land, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to University at Albany Senate, the University at Albany President, Dr. Robert J. Jones, and also to the office of the State Governor, Andrew M. Cuomo.

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| *Jarius I. Jemmott*, *President* |