

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL STUDENT BODY FALL TERM TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN

ADDENDUM TO RESOLUTION NO. Res-200-003

AN ADDENDUM TO: AFFIRM THE CALL UPON HARVARD UNIVERSITY TO RECOGNIZE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY AS THE OFFICIAL HOLIDAY FOR FALL BREAK AND TO CALL UPON HARVARD UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL RECOGNIZING THE MASSACHUSET, MASHPEE WAMPANOAG, AND WAMPANOAG OF GAY HEAD AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES.

THE STUDENT BODY OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL ENACTS:

WHEREAS, one academic year has elapsed since Harvard Law School Student Government passed Resolution No. Res-200-003, which called for the recognition of Indigenous People's Day as the official school holiday in the fall semester on the second Monday in October;

WHEREAS, despite the demands of students, Harvard Law School has not taken any action to effect this change;

WHEREAS, the continued celebration of Columbus Day supports the revisionist history of this country that denies the historic oppression and genocide of indigenous peoples of the Americas, and obscures the current marginalization of indigenous peoples today;

WHEREAS, Harvard University continues to operate on historic Massachuset land;

WHEREAS, Harvard University should commit itself to upholding historical truths, to creating opportunities to organize around injustices currently facing indigenous communities, and to celebrating indigenous resistance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Harvard Law School Student Government reaffirms its call upon the Harvard University administration to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day as the official school holiday on the second Monday in October.

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Harvard Law School Student Government calls upon Harvard University to erect a memorial in recognition of the Massachuset Tribe, whose historic land the Harvard University campus occupies, and in recognition of the federally recognized Massachusetts tribes: the Mashpee Wampanoag and the Wampanoag of Gay Head.

PASSED IN THE STUDENT COUNCIL: 09/13/17

VOTE TOTALS:

7 YES

0 NO

0 ABSTAIN