

1 **Resolution 1718 – AU – 002**

2 **A Resolution Calling Upon the University to Reconstitute Columbus Day as Indigenous**  
3 **Peoples’ Day**

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6 WHEREAS The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all students enrolled in  
7 graduate programs at The Ohio State University (established by Article II.1 of the CGS  
8 Constitution); and

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10 WHEREAS the Indigenous people of the lands which would later be known as the Americas were not  
11 discovered by Christopher Columbus in 1492; and

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13 WHEREAS a true and accurate account of the residence and occupation of the Americas by Indigenous  
14 people since time immemorial, and long before Christopher Columbus sailed, is necessary to set  
15 the historical record straight and to respect the culture, language and traditional life ways of our  
16 Indigenous ancestors; and

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18 WHEREAS Indigenous Peoples day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegate of Native Nations to the  
19 International Conference of Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas  
20 sponsored by the United Nations; and

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22 WHEREAS the states of Alaska, California, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Vermont all recognize  
23 Indigenous Peoples’ Day; and

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25 WHEREAS cities across the United States, including Phoenix, AZ; Los Angeles and Berkeley, CA;  
26 Lawrence, KS; Ann Arbor, MI; Minneapolis- St. Paul, MN; Oberlin, OH to name a few, have  
27 adopted or recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day; and

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29 WHEREAS having the citizens of the United States of America recognize and celebrate the heritage of  
30 indigenous peoples is necessary to respect their history and unite all peoples together; and

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32 WHEREAS The Ohio State University presently observes Columbus Day; and

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34 WHEREAS CGS values the many contributions made to the University through the labor, technology,  
35 science, philosophy, art and the deep cultural contributions of Indigenous People all of which  
36 have helped to shape the character of Ohio State; and

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38 WHEREAS the second Monday of October is observed as Indigenous Peoples’ Day,

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40 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Indigenous Peoples’ Day shall be dedicated to the  
41 remembrance of the Indigenous peoples who have contributed greatly to the Tribes and the  
42 United States of America;

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44 LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that CGS calls upon the university community to engage in  
45 educational activities around the history and contributes of Indigenous Peoples on Indigenous  
46 Peoples’ Day;

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48 LET IT BE FINALLY RESOLVED that CGS calls upon The Ohio State University Administration and  
49 Board of Trustees to adopt Indigenous Peoples’ Day as the second Monday of October.  
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