

THE NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

RESOLUTION #2019-03

TITLE: URGING STATES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO REPLACE COLUMBUS DAY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

WHEREAS, the National Native American Bar Association (“NNABA”) was founded in 1973 and serves as the national association for Native American attorneys, judges, law professors and law students, and NNABA promotes and addresses social, cultural, political and legal issues affecting American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, Columbus Day commemorates Italian explorer Christopher Columbus and is a U.S. federally recognized holiday on the second Monday of October; and

WHEREAS, replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day is an important step to eliminate the false narrative that Columbus discovered America and educates the public of the pain and losses suffered by Native American peoples; and

WHEREAS, replacing Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day will affirm the legacy of the indigenous people who occupied the North American continent long before Columbus and the resiliency of over five (5) million indigenous people who live in the U.S today; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, a growing number of states and municipalities have replaced, and continue to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day or Native American Day to recognize and commemorate the resiliency and strength of indigenous communities.

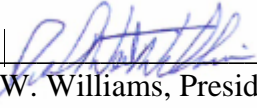
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that NNABA urges states and municipalities to recognize, rename, and/or replace the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that NNABA supports states and municipalities that have already replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day or Native American Day; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that NNABA supports this resolution as a policy priority until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

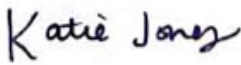
CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board of Directors of the National Native American Bar Association, on April 10, 2019, via online voting pursuant to § 4.9 of the Native American Bar Association Bylaws.



Joel W. Williams, President

ATTEST:



Katie Jones, Secretary