



# The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 73-31

Texas A&M University  
The Student Senate  
73rd Session


## Native American/Alaskan Heritage Month Resolution

*“A resolution to recognize and celebrate the diverse cultures, traditions, and history of Native Americans and Alaskans”*

Action Taken:

PASSED

Certified By:

  
Zachary McCue  
Speaker of the Senate

Date Passed:

11-11-20

**Introduced By:** Aariana Myles, Off-Campus Caucus  
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**Whereas(1):** The first American Indian Day was celebrated in May 1916 in New York. More than seven decades later, then-President George H.W. Bush in 1990 signed a joint congressional resolution designating the month of November “National American Indian Heritage Month”; and,

**Whereas(2):** As of 2019, there are 6.9 million Native American/Alaskan Natives living in the United States and 574 federally recognized Indian tribes that have a right to self government;<sup>1</sup> and,

**Whereas(3):** As of today, there are three federally recognized and two state recognized Native American tribes in Texas today;<sup>2</sup> and,

**Whereas(4):** The Native American and Indigenous Student Organization, NAISO, is the only Native American student organization at Texas A&M; and,

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/facts-for-features/2020/aian-month.html>

<sup>2</sup> <http://convention.myaacpa.org/houston2018/indigenous-texas/>

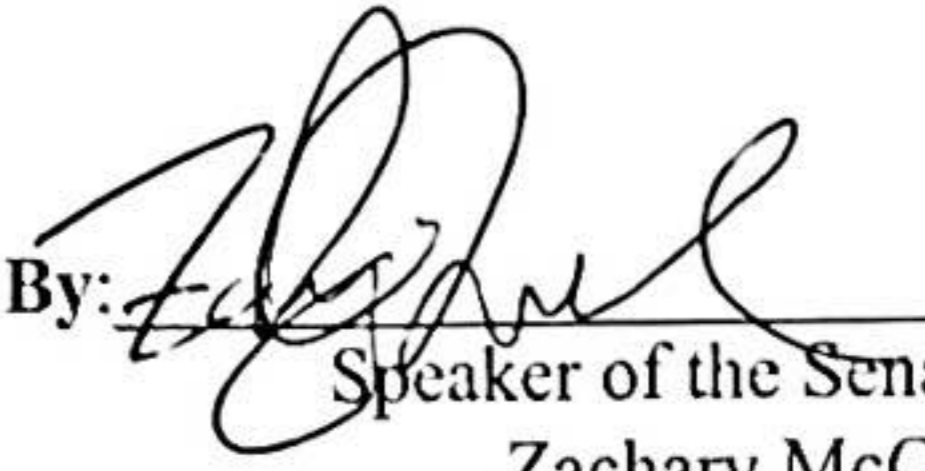




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**Whereas (5):** October 12th is recognized as Indigenous Peoples' Day and was celebrated throughout the country and at Texas A&M, led by NAISO, with a message to address the controversies of "Columbus Day," and commemorate Native Americans contribution to our society<sub>3</sub>; and,

**Whereas(6):** As of Fall 2020, there are 153 students enrolled, 0.22% of the entire student body population, enrolled as Native Americans attend Texas A&M<sub>4</sub>; and,

**Whereas(7):** As of Fall 2020, there are 30 Native American staff members, 0.41% of the entire staff population, currently employed by Texas A&M<sub>5</sub>; and,

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Resolved(1):** The 73rd Session of the Texas A&M Student Senate recognizes the month of November as National Native American/Alaskan Heritage Month; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Resolved(2):** The 73rd Session of Student Senate commends all Native American students as they continue to celebrate their cultures, heritages and traditions, such Corp Cadet member George Hass<sub>6</sub>; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Resolved(2):** The 73rd Session of Student Senate commends Texas A&M University Libraries for actively providing the history of Native American/Alaskan Heritage Month on their website, along with recommendations of related books and movies<sub>7</sub>; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Resolved(3):** The 73rd session of Student Senate encourages Texas A&M University to better advocate and represent smaller minority groups such as the Native American student population on and off campus; and,

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[http://www.thebatt.com/life-arts/celebrating-indigenous-peoples-day/article\\_47d12a8a-0c20-11eb-b8fa-cb1849e8ca5a.html](http://www.thebatt.com/life-arts/celebrating-indigenous-peoples-day/article_47d12a8a-0c20-11eb-b8fa-cb1849e8ca5a.html)

4 <https://accountability.tamu.edu/All-Metrics/Mixed-Metrics/Student-Demographics>

5 <https://accountability.tamu.edu/All-Metrics/Mixed-Metrics/Staff-Demographics>

6 <https://corps.tamu.edu/cadet-celebrates-native-american-heritage-month/>

7 <https://tamu.libguides.com/NativeAmericanHeritageMonth>

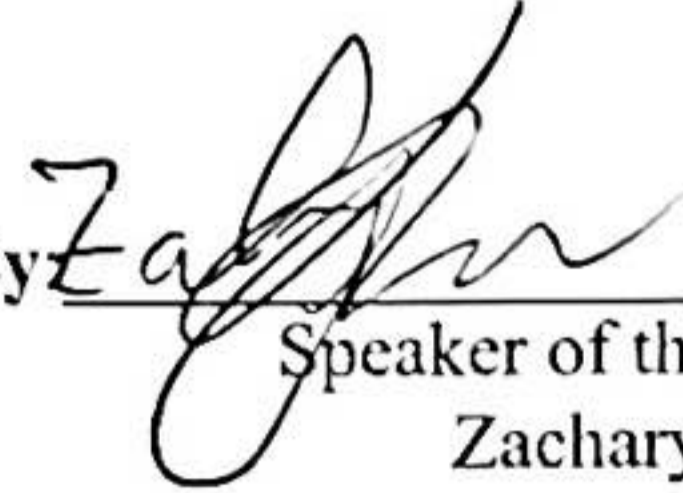




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Further

**Resolved(4):** The 73rd Session of Student Senate encourages the student body and administration to continue raising awareness and bring recognition to the Native American student population at Texas A&M even though the number is miniscule; and,

Let it be

Further

**Resolved(5):** A copy of this resolution be sent to:

*The Battalion*

*Dr. Daniel J. Pugh Sr., Vice President of Student Affairs*

*Dr. Robin Means-Coleman, Vice President & Associate Provost for Diversity*

*Dr. Tonya Driver, Director of Department of Multicultural Services*

*The Native American and Indegenous Student Organization, NAISO*

*George Hass*

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