Recognition of Native American Heritage Month 2015
Senate Statement No. 2

SUBMITTED BY: Rebecca Mooney, Senator
CO-SPONSORS: Robin Graziano, Senator and Student Life Chair
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ENDORSED BY: Grant Dever, President of the Students’ Association
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WHEREAS, the University of Rochester is built upon Algonquin tribal grounds and possesses ties with the Seneca people, also known as Haudenosaunee people; and,

WHEREAS, we, the Students’ Association, have promised to condemn discrimination against any ethnicity or race (Article V Section II of the Constitution); and,

WHEREAS, 0.4% of the undergraduate student body identifies as Native American; and,

WHEREAS, the celebration of Native American Heritage Month has occurred nationally every November since 1990 when George H. W. Bush approved favoring legislation; and,

WHEREAS, the celebration of Native American Heritage Month has occurred at the University of Rochester every November since 2011,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of Rochester Students’ Association recognizes the month of November as Native American Heritage Month in honor of Rochester’s historical ties with the Algonquin and Seneca tribes, the percentage of our student body that identifies as Native American, and the existing celebration of the month on a national scale.

Ethan Bidna
Speaker, Students’ Association Senate

Grant Dever
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Senate Votes:
Yes: 16 No: 0 Abs: 2 Date: 11/02/2015