WHEREAS, the Montana State Constitution recognizes the distinct cultural heritage of Indigenous peoples and is committed to educational goals that preserve their cultural integrity; and

WHEREAS, Montana State University values the technology, history, thought, and culture of Indigenous peoples; and

WHEREAS, Montana State University opposes all systemic forms of racism; including institutional policies that subjugate Indigenous peoples’ sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Indigenous Peoples’ Day was first proposed to the UN by a delegation of Native nations; and

WHEREAS, Brown University; University of California, Berkeley; University of Oklahoma and other institutions of higher learning officially replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples’ Day; and

WHEREAS, Montana State University recognizes and celebrates the culture, integrity, survival and resilience of Indigenous peoples’; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Montana State University shall recognize the second Monday in October as

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES’ DAY

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