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35 Legislative Council Bill #18

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BILL HISTORY

The Oyate Indian Club would like to request from UCSU their formal support in trying to acknowledge our Native Voices at Homecoming. Homecoming has traditionally been a time when we welcome the football teams return from an away game and to pay tribute to alumni of years past. But this year, Homecoming has another significance pertaining to the Native community.

This year Homecoming falls on Columbus Day. Columbus, as we were taught in grade school, was credited with the "discovery" of the "New" World. It was a new world to its "discoverers", but to its Native inhabitants, it was old with ancient traditions. When Columbus landed on Watling Island, which he called San Salvador, he thought he found Asia, but in actuality, he found the Bahamas. Even until his death in 1506, he clung to the idea that he had reached Asia and that Japan and China were just beyond it. Despite the fact that others like Amerigo Vespucci had charted most of the coastline by then. Columbus gained his place in history through misdirection and short mindedness.

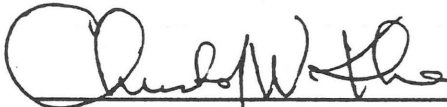
As a result of the coming of Columbus, millions of Native Peoples were decimated. Some by Columbus' hand, most by the diseases and others that soon followed Columbus. Columbus himself initiated the start of the Slave trade in the "New" World. Some historians defend Columbus' actions by stating that slave trading was being practiced by a many number of people and was a common place at that time. But using the analogy, "Everyone else is doing it" does not make what Columbus did right. No matter what your opinion may be, whatever is said or whatever is done, cannot bring back the millions of Native Peoples that were eradicated. The Oyate Indian Club is asking that the Athletic Department, Director of Bands, the Chancellor, and the President receive letters of support from UCSU in support of a Moment of Silence and a Flag Song before the start of the Homecoming game. Both will be done before the National Anthem on October 12 at the CU vs. Missouri game.

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Executive Addendum to 35 Legislative Council Bill #18

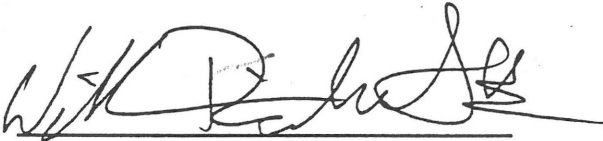
We agree wholeheartedly with the spirit and the execution of 35 Legislative Council Bill #18. However, we feel that because of the importance of this issue, we feel that sufficient planning should be allowed to execute all aspects of this bill to the fullest extent possible. For this reason, we encourage Oyate, and other supportive individuals, to accept no less than full execution of this bill, whether it be at the Missouri game of 12 October, or at any other game during the 1991 season.



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BILL SUMMARY

UCSU shall send letters in support of a Moment of Silence and a Flag Song before the National Anthem at the 1991 Homecoming football game.

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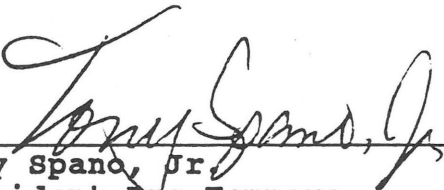
BE IT ENACTED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado, THAT:

SECTION 1: The President Pro Tempore shall sign a statement of support on behalf of the Legislative Council and endorse letters to the President, Athletic Director, Chancellor, and Director of Bands that recognizes nearly 500 years of the Native People's suffering as a result of Columbus coming to this continent. In remembrance we request a Moment of Silence and a traditional Native American Flag Song before the National Anthem at the CU vs. Missouri game on October 12, 1991.

SECTION 2: This bill takes effect upon passage.

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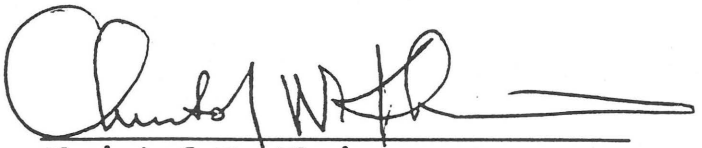
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*See executive addendum.*