Dear Chancellor Gooch,

Thank you for your proactive leadership at UIS.

We, the 2022-2023 UIS Student Government Association, (SGA), are presenting this letter in support of SGA resolution **SP17-016**: *Formally Recognizing Columbus Day as Indigenous People’s Day*; originally presentedas**FA15-001**. The resolutions were respectively passed by SGA on January 22, 2017, and unanimously on September 27, 2015. At the beginning of this 2022-2023 academic year, Maricela Arce, a graduate student at UIS who has been involved with the resolution since its inception, brought the resolutions to the attention of this year’s SGA.

With SGA’s full unanimous support, Miss Arce has advocated for the resolution, requesting further support from UIS employee committees such as the Civil Service Advisory Council, (CSAC), and Academic Professional Advisory Committee, (APAC). They have also presented historical information about the resolution to the Campus Senate Executive Board and the UIS Campus Senate. It is at the Campus Senate Executive Board meeting that (then) Parliamentarian Molly Harms and Miss Arce were asked to obtain the additional letters of support to advance the resolution to the Chancellor’s Cabinet.

As we believe you have received all the required letters of support and would like to see this endeavor finally be brought to fruition, SGA would like to request at your earliest convenience, an audience at an upcoming Chancellor’s Cabinet meeting for Miss Arce, with SGA, to present the Indigenous People’s Day resolution.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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SGA President Student Rep to the BOT

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External Vice President Treasurer

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