



Alaska Association of Student Governments

Resolution #13

Resolution to Implement the Name Change of Indian Education to Indigenous Peoples' Education

Submitted by: Robert Service High School's Student Government Senior Class

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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Government:

1. **Whereas**, indigenous is more interchangeable and more people can identify with it;
2. **Whereas**, Indigenous populations are descended from the original inhabitants of a place and often preserve traditional ways of life;
3. **Whereas**, other naming conventions have been proposed and used, but none are accepted by all indigenous groups;
4. **Whereas**, each name has a particular audience and political or cultural connotation, and regional usage varies;
5. **Whereas**, the term indigenous opens up a deeper objective and understanding of the original background history represented in Native Culture such as conservation of the environment and the encouragement of traditional lifestyles and practices;
6. **Whereas**, it is also important to talk about Indigenous people in the *present*, not the *past* tense;
7. **Whereas**, "peoples" recognizes that more than one distinct group comprises in America;

8. **Whereas**, in Canada, the term “Indian” would be used only when referring to a First Nations person with status under the *Indian Act*;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Government supports implementation of the name change of Indian Education to Indigenous Peoples’ Education

Action statement: This resolution, if passed by the General Assembly of AASG, will be sent to the following: All principals at Robert Service High School, Superintendent Deena Bishop, and the Anchorage School District School Board

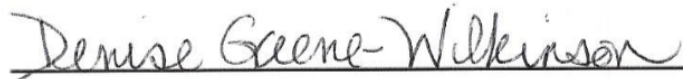
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Passed by the 2019 Fall Conference GA at Palmer High School



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