

## **SDSU University Senate Resolution to Establish an Official Campus Policy to Fly the Kumeyaay Nations Flag on the SDSU Campus**

**Whereas**, San Diego State University rests on land that has been home to the Kumeyaay people, who have been its caretakers for over 10,000 years; and

**Whereas**, the Kumeyaay people never ceded this land to the United States government, the California State Government, or any other government through any ratified treaty; and

**Whereas**, a significant portion of the history of interaction between Kumeyaay people and non-indigenous settlers had been marred by genocidal violence, forced labor and forced removal from land; and

**Whereas**, SDSU is an institution of higher learning dedicated to evidence-based history and research; and

**Whereas**, SDSU is a University that prides itself on community leadership and education; and

**Whereas**, as part of ongoing efforts to build positive relationships with the Native American community, SDSU has passed recently a Senate resolution acknowledging Kumeyaay land, has hired recently a Tribal Liaison and Assistant Director of the Native Student Resource Center, and has opened recently the SDSU Native Student Resource Center; and

**Whereas**, as an accurate recognition of the communities on whose the land SDSU resides should recognize the Kumeyaay people's indigenous occupation of the land; and

**Whereas**, SDSU flies the national flag of the United State of America on its campuses, a flag that serves as the symbol of a nation state far younger than the Kumeyaay communities represented by the Kumeyaay Nations flag; and

**Whereas**, SDSU flies the state flag of the State of California on its campuses, a flag that serves as the symbol of a state far younger than the Kumeyaay communities represented by the Kumeyaay Nations flag; and

**Whereas**, Kumeyaay people and culture continue to have a nearly invisible profile in campus life at SDSU; and

**Whereas**, SDSU is committed to constructive and positive relationships with the Kumeyaay peoples; and

**Whereas**, SDSU is committed to recruiting and retaining college ready Kumeyaay students; and

**Whereas**, it is in the best interests of, and is most culturally accurate for, SDSU to fly the Kumeyaay Nations flag on its campuses;

**Be It Therefore, Resolved** that the San Diego State University Senate and the San Diego State University Administration shall adopt as an explicit and binding University Policy that the Kumeyaay Nations flag be raised, lowered, and appropriately respected on the SDSU campus.

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