



*Resolution regarding the Native American Student Alliance  
Resolution on the Use of the Aztec and Montezuma Mascots*

**W**hereas, San Diego State University has used the name of "the Aztecs" for now 75 years and the mascot of "Montezuma" since 1941;

WHEREAS, The San Diego State chapters of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, a National Honorary Band Service Fraternity and Sorority (the "Chapters"), feel that the development of positive school spirit in general is consistent with their goals of promoting enthusiasm for the University Bands in particular;

WHEREAS, The respect honored to SDSU's multi-cultural heritage is self-evident and displayed in nearly all facets of the University's style, design, architectural themes, and academic programs;

WHEREAS, The Aztec identity clearly serves not to ridicule or degrade, but to celebrate and dignify the Mexican-American and Southwestern heritage of both the University and the community around it;

WHEREAS, The Montezuma mascot is acclaimed as a promoter of School enthusiasm and spirit, serves as traditional rallying point for the University, and is never treated with disdain, mockery, derision, or disrespect as stated in the resolution now pending before the Associated Students; and

WHEREAS, The Native American Student Alliance has until now registered no complaint to the University against the use of the Montezuma mascot or Aztec theme in the many years since their adoption; *now, therefore, be it*

**R**esolved, That the Chapters believe that the Montezuma mascot and the "Aztec" motif are positive images and a positive influence on the students of the University;

*RESOLVED*, That the Chapters encourage the Professional Studies and Fine Arts College Council and the Associated Students to oppose the pending resolution and any others that may be proposed to eliminate or modify the aforementioned mascot and motif; and

*RESOLVED*, That a copy of this resolution be placed on display by the Chapters and a copy be presented to the Professional Studies and Fine Arts College Council.

*Approved at San Diego State University on September 24, 2000, by unanimous vote.*

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