

**SENATE . . . . . No. 344**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Rebecca L. Rausch***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to celebrating and teaching Native American culture and history.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>4/11/2023</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>4/19/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>6/23/2023</i>
<i>Robyn K. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>10/31/2023</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>11/13/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>12/5/2023</i>
<i>Pavel M. Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2024</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2024</i>

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By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 344) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Jack Patrick Lewis, Joanne M. Comerford, Vanna Howard and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to celebrate and teach Native American culture and history. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to celebrating and teaching Native American culture and history.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           The third paragraph of section 1D of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following  
3 sentence:- The standards shall provide for instruction in: (i) tribal history and current issues of  
4 the Aquinnah Wampanoag, Mashpee Wampanoag and other Wampanoag tribes, the  
5 Massachuset, the Nipmuc and other Native American tribes that exist within Massachusetts; (ii)  
6 information about tribes and confederacies that have historic ties to Massachusetts, such as the  
7 Wabanaki Confederacy; (iii) tribal history of Native Americans throughout the United States;  
8 (iv) tribal sovereignty and governance, treaty rights, genocide, Native American cultures,  
9 languages and socioeconomic experiences; and (v) ongoing issues common to contemporary  
10 Native Americans throughout Massachusetts; provided, that the board shall consult with tribal  
11 nations in developing these standards.