HOUSE No. 3377

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nika C. Elugardo

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 to protect Native American heritage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Nika C. Elugardo	15th Suffolk	2/10/2021
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire	2/24/2021
Joanne M. Comerford	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	2/24/2021
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	2/24/2021
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	2/24/2021
Carlos González	10th Hampden	2/24/2021
Vanna Howard	17th Middlesex	2/26/2021
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth	2/26/2021
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex	3/1/2021
Tami L. Gouveia	14th Middlesex	3/3/2021
Steven C. Owens	29th Middlesex	3/8/2021
Alice Hanlon Peisch	14th Norfolk	3/2/2021
Erika Uyterhoeven	27th Middlesex	3/9/2021
Tram T. Nguyen	18th Essex	3/10/2021
Christina A. Minicucci	14th Essex	3/10/2021
Peter Capano	11th Essex	3/11/2021
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	13th Middlesex	3/15/2021
Danillo A. Sena	37th Middlesex	3/15/2021

Christine P. Barber	34th Middlesex	3/16/2021
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	3/19/2021
Natalie M. Higgins	4th Worcester	3/22/2021
Patrick M. O'Connor	Plymouth and Norfolk	3/29/2021
Kevin G. Honan	17th Suffolk	3/29/2021
Kip A. Diggs	2nd Barnstable	3/30/2021
Adrian C. Madaro	1st Suffolk	4/5/2021
Michelle L. Ciccolo	15th Middlesex	4/7/2021
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	5/8/2021
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	17th Worcester	5/10/2021
Marcos A. Devers	16th Essex	5/10/2021
Kate Lipper-Garabedian	32nd Middlesex	5/20/2021
Mindy Domb	3rd Hampshire	5/21/2021
Natalie M. Blais	1st Franklin	5/24/2021
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	5/28/2021
Dylan A. Fernandes	Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket	6/16/2021
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	9/24/2021
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	10/26/2021
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	11/8/2021
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	11/18/2021

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By Ms. Elugardo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3377) of Nika C. Elugardo and others relative to Native American heritage. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 2948 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court (2021-2022)

An Act to protect Native American heritage.

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

- SECTION 1. As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context
- 2 otherwise requires, have the following meanings:—
- 3 "Native American" as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation
- 4 Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.
- 5 "funerary objects" as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation
- 6 Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.
- 7 "sacred objects" as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation
- 8 Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.

"objects of cultural patrimony" as defined defined in the Native American Graves

Protection and Repatriation Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.

SECTION 2. The penalties and requirements of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq. shall be enforced if an agency, organization, entity, or department receiving funds of any kind from the Commonwealth or any local government therein; or a trust, unincorporated association, nonprofit corporation organized under Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General laws or public charity duly registered with the Office of the Attorney General moves to deacquisition any Native American funerary objects, human remains, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony.