

SENATE No. 2027**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Joanne M. Comerford*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 establishing an Indigenous Peoples Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/14/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>3/21/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Cindy F. Friedman</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	<i>4/4/2021</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>4/5/2021</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>4/15/2021</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>5/10/2021</i>

<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>5/21/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>11/7/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>11/7/2021</i>
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2022</i>

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2027) of Joanne M. Comerford, Jack Patrick Lewis, Jason M. Lewis, Kay Khan and other members of the General Court for legislation for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate the second Monday in October as indigenous people's day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3665 OF 2019-2020.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act establishing an Indigenous Peoples Day.

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

1 Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 12V and
2 inserting in place thereof the following section:—

3 Section 12V. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the second
4 Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day and recommending that it be observed by the
5 people, with appropriate exercises in the schools and otherwise, to acknowledge the history of
6 genocide and discrimination against Indigenous peoples, and to recognize and celebrate the
7 thriving cultures and continued resistance and resilience of Indigenous peoples and their tribal
8 nations.