

HOUSE No. 529

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jack Patrick Lewis

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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/22/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/28/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>

<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/12/2023</i>
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/12/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>3/28/2023</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/29/2023</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>4/4/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>4/4/2023</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/10/2023</i>

HOUSE No. 529

By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 529) of Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to the teaching of Native American culture and history. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

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 2018 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 to develop these standards the board
11 shall consult consistently with the special relationship between the Commonwealth and Native
12 Americans as molded by Treaty and Agreement, Legislative Act and Executive Order.