

SENATE No. 1976**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>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Manny Cruz</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/25/2023</i>
<i>Liz Miranda</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>	<i>10/3/2023</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>10/12/2023</i>

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1976) of Joanne M. Comerford, Mindy Domb, Jack Patrick Lewis, Michael J. Barrett and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish an Indigenous Peoples Day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 2027 OF 2021-2022.]

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

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.