HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 1916 FILED ON: 1/15/2025

HOUSE . . . . . No. 628

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:
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*1/15/2025*
Erika Uyterhoeven	*27th Middlesex*	*3/12/2025*
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*3/24/2025*
James C. Arena-DeRosa	*8th Middlesex*	*3/24/2025*
Tara T. Hong	*18th Middlesex*	*3/24/2025*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*3/24/2025*
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*	*3/25/2025*
Steven Owens	*29th Middlesex*	*3/25/2025*
Mike Connolly	*26th Middlesex*	*3/26/2025*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	*4/2/2025*
Samantha Montaño	*15th Suffolk*	*4/9/2025*
Homar Gómez	*2nd Hampshire*	*4/10/2025*
Rob Consalvo	*14th Suffolk*	*4/11/2025*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*	*5/13/2025*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*	*5/13/2025*
Richard G. Wells, Jr.	*7th Norfolk*	*5/14/2025*
Margaret R. Scarsdale	*1st Middlesex*	*5/14/2025*
Natalie M. Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*5/27/2025*

Michelle L. Badger	*1st Plymouth*	*6/17/2025*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*	*8/13/2025*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*10/27/2025*

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By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 628) of Jack Patrick Lewis relative to the teaching of Native American culture and history. Education.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *529* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

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:

The third paragraph of section 1D of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:- The standards shall provide for instruction in: (i) tribal history and current issues of the Aquinnah Wampanoag, Mashpee Wampanoag and other Wampanoag tribes, the Massachuset, the Nipmuc and other Native American tribes that exist within Massachusetts; (ii) information about tribes and confederacies that have historic ties to Massachusetts, such as the Wabanaki Confederacy; (iii) tribal history of Native Americans throughout the United States; (iv) tribal sovereignty and governance, treaty rights, genocide, Native American cultures, languages and socioeconomic experiences; and (v) ongoing issues common to contemporary Native Americans throughout Massachusetts; provided, that to develop these standards the board

shall consult consistently with the special relationship between the Commonwealth and Native Americans as molded by Treaty and Agreement, Legislative Act and Executive Order.