

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**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>1/15/2025</i>

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

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