

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christine P. Barber

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 Indigenous Peoples Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2989 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act establishing 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, to honor the histories and contributions
7 of Indigenous peoples, and to recognize and celebrate the thriving cultures and continued
8 resistance and resilience of Indigenous peoples and their tribal nations.