SENATE No. 2113

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:	
Joanne M. Comerford	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex	1/22/2025
Michael J. Barrett	Third Middlesex	2/4/2025
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	2/4/2025
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	2/11/2025
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	2/14/2025
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	2/19/2025

FILED ON: 1/14/2025

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2113) of Joanne M. Comerford, Rebecca L. Rausch, Michael J. Barrett, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the Senate for legislation to establish an Indigenous Peoples Day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 1976 OF 2023-2024.]

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

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, 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.