

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Joanne M. Comerford*

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Joanne M. Comerford*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*

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

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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