

SENATE BILL NO. 159

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 1/25/16

Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing the second Monday of October of each year as Indigenous Peoples**
2 **Day; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:

5 **Sec. 44.12.150. Indigenous Peoples Day.** Indigenous Peoples Day is
6 established on the second Monday of October of each year to honor the indigenous
7 peoples of the state as the first to inhabit the land that makes up the state and for
8 contributing wisdom, labor, knowledge, and many personal and cultural achievements
9 to the creation and continuing existence of the state. Indigenous Peoples Day may be
10 observed by suitable observances and exercises by civic groups and the public.

11 *** Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).