

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3377****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Nika C. Elugardo****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 to protect Native American heritage.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/10/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2021</i>
<i>Steven C. Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>3/10/2021</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>

<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>3/19/2021</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/22/2021</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/29/2021</i>
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>4/5/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>

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By Ms. Elugardo of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3377) of Nika C. Elugardo and others relative to Native American heritage. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2948 OF 2019-2020.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

\_\_\_\_\_  
In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)  
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An Act to protect Native American heritage.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context  
2 otherwise requires, have the following meanings:—

3           "Native American" as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation  
4 Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.

5           "funerary objects" as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation  
6 Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.

7           "sacred objects" as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation  
8 Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.

"objects of cultural patrimony" as defined defined in the Native American Graves  
Protection and Repatriation Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.

SECTION 2. The penalties and requirements of the Native American Graves Protection  
and Repatriation Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq. shall be enforced if an agency,  
organization, entity, or department receiving funds of any kind from the Commonwealth or any  
local government therein; or a trust, unincorporated association, nonprofit corporation organized  
under Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General laws or public charity duly registered with the  
Office of the Attorney General moves to deacquisition any Native American funerary objects,  
human remains, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony.