

HOUSE No. 3665

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jack Patrick Lewis

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 People's Day.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Maria Duaine Robinson</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3665) of Jack Patrick Lewis and others for the issuance of an annual proclamation by the Governor to designate the second Monday in October as indigenous people's day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act establishing an Indigenous People's 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, and to recognize and celebrate the
7 thriving cultures and continued resistance and resilience of Indigenous peoples and their tribal
8 nations.