

SENATE . . . . . No. 2027

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	
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	2/19/2021
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	2/22/2021
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	2/26/2021
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex	2/26/2021
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	17th Worcester	2/26/2021
Erika Uytterhoeven	27th Middlesex	3/14/2021
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	13th Middlesex	3/15/2021
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	3/15/2021
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	3/19/2021
Steven C. Owens	29th Middlesex	3/19/2021
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	3/21/2021
Tami L. Gouveia	14th Middlesex	3/24/2021
Cindy F. Friedman	Fourth Middlesex	4/4/2021
Michael J. Barrett	Third Middlesex	4/5/2021

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2027) of Joanne M. Comerford, Jack Patrick Lewis, Jason M. Lewis, Kay Khan and other members of the General Court for legislation 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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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3665 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

—————  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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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, and to recognize and celebrate the  
7 thriving cultures and continued resistance and resilience of Indigenous peoples and their tribal  
8 nations.