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2	Introduced by Representatives Cina of Burlington, Masland of Thetford,
3	Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-
4	Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford,
5	Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln,
6	Fegard of Berkshire, Gamache of Swanton, Gonzalez of
7	Winooski, Hashim of Dummerston, Hooper of Randolph,
8	Killacky of South Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro,
9	Lippert of Hinesburg, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough
10	of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax,
11	O'Sullivan of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of
12	Hartland, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of
13	Middlebury, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South
14	Burlington, and Webb of Shelburne
15	Referred to Committee on
16	Date:
17	Subject: General provisions; legal holidays; Columbus Day
18	Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to change the
19	name of the legal holiday from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day.

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1	It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:
2	Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS
3	The General Assembly of the State of Vermont finds:
4	(1) Indigenous Peoples' Day was originally proposed in 1977 by a
5	delegation of Native Nations to the International Conference on Discrimination
6	Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas.
7	(2) Many cities and towns in the United States have recognized Columbus
8	Day as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" to highlight and celebrate indigenous
9	heritage and resiliency.
10	(3) The General Assembly recognizes and values the historic, cultural, and
11	contemporary significance of the indigenous peoples of the lands that later
12	became known as the Americas, which includes Vermont.
13	(4) Vermont was founded and built upon lands first inhabited by the
14	Abenaki people and their ancestors and allies, and Vermont honors these
15	members of the public, both past and present.
16	Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 371 is amended to read:
17	§ 371. LEGAL HOLIDAYS
18	(a) The following shall be legal holidays:
19	(1) New Year's Day, January 1;
20	(2) Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr., the
21	third Monday in January;

1	(3) Presidents' Day, the third Monday in February;
2	(4) Town Meeting Day, the first Tuesday in March;
3	(5) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;
4	(6) Independence Day, July 4;
5	(7) Bennington Battle Day, August 16;
6	(8) Labor Day, the first Monday in September;
7	(9) Columbus Indigenous Peoples' Day, the second Monday in October;
8	(10) Veterans' Day, November 11;
9	(11) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November;
10	(12) Christmas Day, December 25.
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12	Sec. 3. 8 V.S.A. § 11201 is amended to read:
13	§ 11201. BUSINESS DAYS
14	(a) For purposes of this title, unless otherwise provided under other state or
15	federal law applicable to a Vermont or state financial institution which that is a
16	depository institution, a business day is a calendar day other than the
17	following:
18	(1)(A) Saturday and Sunday;
19	(B) January 1, New Year's Day;

1	(C) The 3rd the third Monday in January, Birthday of Martin Luther
2	King, Jr. Day ;
3	February 12, Lincoln's birthday;
4	(D) The 3rd the third Monday in February, President's Day;
5	(E) The the first Tuesday in March, Town Meeting Day;
6	(F) The the last Monday in May, Memorial Day, but if the United
7	States government designates May 30 as the date of observance of Memorial
8	Day, then May 30;
9	(G) July 4, Independence Day;
10	(H) August 16, Bennington Battle Day;
11	(I) The the first Monday in September, Labor Day;
12	(J) The 2nd the second Monday in October, Columbus Indigenous
13	Peoples' Day;
14	(K) November 11, Veterans' Day;
15	(L) The 4th the fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day; and
16	(M) December 25, Christmas Day.
17	(2) A legal holiday which that falls on a Saturday may be observed on
18	the preceding Friday and a legal holiday which that falls on a Sunday may be
19	observed on the following Monday.
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- 1 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2 This act shall take effect on July, 1 2019.