1   S.83

2   Introduced by Senators Ingram, Baruth, Brooks, McCormack, and Pollina

3   Referred to Committee on

4   Date:

5   Subject: General provisions; legal holidays; Columbus Day

6   Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to change the

7   name of the legal holiday from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day.

8   An act relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day

9   It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

10   Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

11   The General Assembly of the State of Vermont finds:

12   (1) Indigenous Peoples' Day was originally proposed in 1977 by a

13   delegation of Native Nations to the International Conference on Discrimination

14   Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas.

15   (2) Many cities and towns in the United States have recognized

16   Columbus Day as "Indigenous Peoples' Day," to highlight, celebrate, and

17   educate others about indigenous heritage and resiliency.

18   (3) The General Assembly recognizes and values the historic, cultural,

19   and contemporary significance of the Indigenous peoples of the lands that later

20   became known as the Americas, which includes Vermont.

1   (4) Vermont was founded and built upon lands first inhabited by the

2   Abenaki people, their ancestors and allies, and honors these members of the

3   public, both past and present.

4   (5) The establishment of this holiday will aid in the cultural

5   development of Vermont's recognized tribes, while enabling all Indigenous

6   peoples in Vermont and elsewhere to move forward from, and formulate

7   positive outcomes from, historical, administered colonization.

8   Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 371 is amended to read:

9   § 371. LEGAL HOLIDAYS

10   (a) The following shall be legal holidays:

11   (1) New Year's Day, January 1;

12   (2) Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, the third Monday in January;

13   (3) Lincoln's Birthday, February 12;

14   (4) Washington's Birthday, the third Monday in February;

15   (5) Town Meeting Day, the first Tuesday in March;

16   (6) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;

17   (7) Independence Day, July 4;

18   (8) Bennington Battle Day, August 16;

19   (9) Labor Day, the first Monday in September;

20   (10) ~~Columbus~~ Indigenous Peoples' Day, the second Monday in

21   October;

1   (11) Veterans' Day, November 11;

2   (12) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November;

3   (13) Christmas Day, December 25.

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5   Sec. 3. 8 V.S.A. § 11201 is amended to read:

6   § 11201. BUSINESS DAYS

7   (a) For purposes of this title, unless otherwise provided under other state or

8   federal law applicable to a Vermont or state financial institution which is a

9   depository institution, a business day is a calendar day other than the

10   following:

11   (1)(A) Saturday and Sunday;

12   (B) January 1, New Year's Day;

13   (C) The 3rd the third Monday in January, Martin Luther King, Jr.

14   Day;

15   (D) February 12, Lincoln's birthday;

16   (E) The 3rd the third Monday in February, President's Day;

17   (F) The the first Tuesday in March, Town Meeting Day;

18   (G) The the last Monday in May, Memorial Day, but if the United

19   States government designates May 30 as the date of observance of Memorial

20   Day, then May 30;

21   (H) July 4, Independence Day;

1   (I) August 16, Bennington Battle Day;

2   (J) ~~The~~ the first Monday in September, Labor Day;

3   (K) ~~The 2nd~~ the second Monday in October, ~~Columbus~~ Indigenous

4   Peoples' Day;

5   (L) November 11, Veterans' Day;

6   (M) ~~The 4th~~ the fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving

7   Day; and

8   (N) December 25, Christmas Day.

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10   Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

11   This act shall take effect on July, 1 2017.