

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2989**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Christine P. Barber***

*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 Indigenous Peoples day.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Steven Owens</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2023</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>2/12/2023</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>

<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>

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By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2989) of Christine P. Barber and others relative to the annual issuance of a proclamation from the Governor setting apart the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples day. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act establishing 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.