

HOUSE No. 3248

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Rogers and David Biele

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 to protect Native American heritage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</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>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/5/2023</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>

<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>Simon Cataldo</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/4/2023</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>

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By Representatives Rogers of Cambridge and Biele of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3248) of David M. Rogers, David Biele and others relative to Native American heritage. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3385 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to protect Native American heritage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context
2 otherwise requires, have the following meanings:–

3 "Native American" as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation
4 Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.

5 "funerary objects" as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation
6 Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.

7 "sacred objects" as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation
8 Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.

9 "objects of cultural patrimony" as defined in the Native American Graves Protection and
10 Repatriation Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.

11 SECTION 2. The penalties and requirements of the Native American Graves Protection
12 and Repatriation Act in accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3001 et seq. shall be enforced if an agency,
13 organization, entity, or department receiving funds of any kind from the Commonwealth or any
14 local government therein; or a trust, unincorporated association, nonprofit corporation organized
15 under Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General laws or public charity duly registered with the
16 Office of the Attorney General moves to deacquisition any Native American funerary objects,
17 human remains, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony.