

# Enrolled House Bill 2526

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CHAPTER .....

## AN ACT

Relating to Indigenous Peoples’ Day; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas Christopher Columbus, a man who is known to have “discovered” the Americas, came upon land that was already inhabited by Indigenous People, his historically cited contributions being either inaccurate or facially not worthy of celebrating; and

Whereas Columbus’ voyage to the Americas opened the door to heinous crimes against humanity, including but not limited to the introduction of transatlantic slavery and genocidal acts against Indigenous People; and

Whereas the Indigenous People were promised security and protection but instead were forcibly relocated and their land seized to allow for settlements; and

Whereas the State of Oregon recognizes and acknowledges the traditional homelands of Oregon’s nine federally recognized tribal nations; and

Whereas the State of Oregon recognizes and acknowledges the significant contributions to this state of Oregon’s nine federally recognized tribal nations, as well as those of many Native Americans from tribal nations across the country, and commits to ensuring greater access and opportunity for continued contribution by Indigenous People; and

Whereas the State of Oregon has the opportunity and means to cultivate a community that honors and respects the diverse history of this land; and

Whereas the State of Oregon does not formally recognize Columbus Day; and

Whereas it is appropriate to recognize the original inhabitants of the Americas: Indigenous People; and

Whereas the idea of Indigenous Peoples’ Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations; and

Whereas the State of Oregon, upon adoption of this Act, would become the 11th state in the United States to formally recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day; now, therefore,

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. The second Monday in October of each year is designated as Indigenous Peoples’ Day.**

**SECTION 2. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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**Passed by House April 26, 2021**

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

**Passed by Senate May 18, 2021**

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

**Received by Governor:**

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**Approved:**

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Kate Brown, Governor

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Shemia Fagan, Secretary of State