

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2526

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Including House Amendments dated April 15

Sponsored by Representatives SANCHEZ, ALONSO LEON; Representatives CAMPOS, GRAYBER, HOLVEY, HUDSON, PHAM, REARDON, REYNOLDS, RUIZ, SALINAS, SOLLMAN, WILDE (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Designates second Monday of October of each year as Indigenous Peoples' Day.
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 Whereas Columbus' voyage to the Americas opened the door to heinous crimes against human-
7 ity, including but not limited to the introduction of transatlantic slavery and genocidal acts against
8 Indigenous People; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 Whereas the idea of Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Na-
23 tive Nations to the United Nations; and

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

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

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

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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

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