

House Bill 2526

Sponsored by Representative SANCHEZ; Representatives REARDON, SOLLMAN (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

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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 significant contributions made
12 in our community by Indigenous People and commits to ensure greater access and opportunity for
13 continued contribution; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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