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House of Representatives, January 17, 2019

**An Act To Change the Name of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day**

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative COLLINGS of Portland.  
Cosponsored by Senator CARPENTER of Aroostook and  
Representatives: CARDONE of Bangor, MAXMIN of Nobleboro, NEWELL of the  
Passamaquoddy Tribe, O'CONNOR of Berwick, PERRY of Calais, RECKITT of South  
Portland, RYKERSON of Kittery, TALBOT ROSS of Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1051, first ¶**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 819, Pt.  
3 A, §1, is amended to read:

4 No court may be held on Sunday or any day designated for the annual Thanksgiving;  
5 New Year's Day, January 1st; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, the 3rd Monday in January;  
6 Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday in February; Patriot's Day, the 3rd Monday in  
7 April; Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, but if the Federal Government designates  
8 May 30th as the date for observance of Memorial Day, the 30th of May; the 4th of July;  
9 Labor Day, the first Monday of September; ~~Columbus Day~~ Indigenous Peoples Day, the  
10 2nd Monday in October; ~~Veterans'~~ Veterans Day, November 11th; or on Christmas Day.  
11 The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may order that court be held on a legal  
12 holiday when ~~he finds that~~ the interests of justice and judicial economy in any particular  
13 case will be served. The public offices in county buildings may be closed to business on  
14 the holidays named in this section. When any one of the holidays named in this section  
15 falls on Sunday, the Monday following shall must be observed as a holiday, with all the  
16 privileges applying to any of the days named in this section.

17 **Sec. 2. 9-B MRSA §145, sub-§1, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 398, Pt. B, §2, is  
18 amended to read:

19 I. The 2nd Monday in October, ~~Columbus Day~~ Indigenous Peoples Day;

20 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and  
21 8, is amended to read:

22 E. ~~Columbus Day~~ Indigenous Peoples Day, the 2nd Monday in October;

23 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §4691, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 571, is amended to  
24 read:

25 **2. Business day.** "Business day" means any day other than Saturday, Sunday or the  
26 following ~~national~~ holidays: New Year's Day; Washington's Birthday; Memorial Day;  
27 Independence Day; Labor Day; ~~Columbus Day~~ Indigenous Peoples Day; ~~Veteran's~~  
28 Veterans Day; Thanksgiving and Christmas.

29 **SUMMARY**

30 This bill changes the Columbus Day holiday in the State to Indigenous Peoples Day.