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2   Introduced by Representatives Cina of Burlington, Buckholz of Hartford,

3   Chesnut-Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Colburn of

4   Burlington, Deen of Westminster, Gonzalez of Winooski,

5   McCormack of Burlington, Murphy of Fairfax, O'Sullivan of

6   Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, and Weed of Enosburgh

7   Referred to Committee on

8   Date:

9   Subject: General provisions; legal holidays; Columbus Day

10   Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to change the

11   name of the legal holiday from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day.

12   An act relating to Indigenous Peoples' Day

13   It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

14   Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

15   The General Assembly of the State of Vermont finds:

16   (1) Indigenous Peoples' Day was originally proposed in 1977 by a

17   delegation of Native Nations to the International Conference on Discrimination

18   Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas.

1   (2) Many cities and towns in the United States have recognized

2 Columbus Day as "Indigenous Peoples' Day," to highlight and celebrate

3 indigenous heritage and resiliency.

4   (3) The General Assembly recognizes and values the historic, cultural,

5 contemporary significance of the Indigenous peoples of the lands that later

6 became known as the Americas, which includes Vermont.

7   (4) Vermont was founded and built upon lands first inhabited by the

8 Abenaki people and their ancestors and allies, and Vermont honors these

9 members of the public, both past and present.

10 Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 371 is amended to read:

11 § 371. LEGAL HOLIDAYS

12   (a) The following shall be legal holidays:

13   (1) New Year's Day, January 1;

14   (2) Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, the third Monday in January;

15   (3) Lincoln's Birthday, February 12;

16   (4) Washington's Birthday, the third Monday in February;

17   (5) Town Meeting Day, the first Tuesday in March;

18   (6) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;

19   (7) Independence Day, July 4;

20   (8) Bennington Battle Day, August 16;

21   (9) Labor Day, the first Monday in September;

1   (10) ~~Columbus~~ Indigenous Peoples' Day, the second Monday in

2   October;

3   (11) Veterans' Day, November 11;

4   (12) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November;

5   (13) Christmas Day, December 25.

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7   Sec. 3. 8 V.S.A. § 11201 is amended to read:

8   § 11201. BUSINESS DAYS

9   (a) For purposes of this title, unless otherwise provided under other state or

10   federal law applicable to a Vermont or state financial institution which is a

11   depository institution, a business day is a calendar day other than the

12   following:

13   (1)(A) Saturday and Sunday;

14   (B) January 1, New Year's Day;

15   (C) ~~The 3rd~~ the third Monday in January, Martin Luther King, Jr.

16   Day;

17   (D) February 12, Lincoln's birthday;

18   (E) ~~The 3rd~~ the third Monday in February, President's Day;

19   (F) ~~The~~ the first Tuesday in March, Town Meeting Day;

1   (G) ~~The~~ the last Monday in May, Memorial Day, but if the United

2   States government designates May 30 as the date of observance of Memorial

3   Day, then May 30;

4   (H) July 4, Independence Day;

5   (I) August 16, Bennington Battle Day;

6   (J) ~~The~~ the first Monday in September, Labor Day;

7   (K) ~~The 2nd~~ the second Monday in October, ~~Columbus~~ Indigenous

8   Peoples' Day;

9   (L) November 11, Veterans' Day;

10   (M) ~~The 4th~~ the fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving

11   Day and

12   (N) December 25, Christmas Day.

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14   Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

15   This act shall take effect on July, 1 2017.