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Introduced by Representatives Cina of Burlington, Masland of Thetford,  
Brumsted of Shelburne, Burke of Brattleboro, Chesnut-  
Tangerman of Middletown Springs, Christie of Hartford,  
Coffey of Guilford, Colburn of Burlington, Cordes of Lincoln,  
Fegard of Berkshire, Gamache of Swanton, Gonzalez of  
Winooski, Hashim of Dummerston, Hooper of Randolph,  
Killacky of South Burlington, Kornheiser of Brattleboro,  
Lippert of Hinesburg, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough  
of Williston, Mrowicki of Putney, Murphy of Fairfax,  
O’Sullivan of Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralph of  
Hartland, Savage of Swanton, Scheu of Middlebury, Sheldon of  
Middlebury, Toleno of Brattleboro, Townsend of South  
Burlington, and Webb of Shelburne

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: General provisions; legal holidays; Columbus Day

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to change the  
name of the legal holiday from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

An act relating to Indigenous Peoples’ Day

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

2 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

3 The General Assembly of the State of Vermont finds:

4 (1) Indigenous Peoples' Day was originally proposed in 1977 by a  
5 delegation of Native Nations to the International Conference on Discrimination  
6 Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas.

7 (2) Many cities and towns in the United States have recognized Columbus  
8 Day as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" to highlight and celebrate indigenous  
9 heritage and resiliency.

10 (3) The General Assembly recognizes and values the historic, cultural, and  
11 contemporary significance of the indigenous peoples of the lands that later  
12 became known as the Americas, which includes Vermont.

13 (4) Vermont was founded and built upon lands first inhabited by the  
14 Abenaki people and their ancestors and allies, and Vermont honors these  
15 members of the public, both past and present.

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

17 § 371. LEGAL HOLIDAYS

18 (a) The following shall be legal holidays:

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

20 (2) ~~Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday~~ of Martin Luther King, Jr., the  
21 third Monday in January;





- 1      Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE
- 2      This act shall take effect on July, 1 2019.