



Legislation Summary:

An Act establishing an Indigenous Peoples Day

Bill#: [H.2989/S.1976](#)

Chief Sponsor(s): Senator Jo Comerford and Representative Christine Barber

What the bill does, why LWVMA supports or opposes it, and the League position relative to this bill.

This bill establishes Indigenous People's Day to replace Columbus Day as a state holiday.

MassTrac Summary for HB2989

Repeals [GL 6:12V](#), which sets apart the second Monday in October as Columbus Day, and directs the Governor to designate that date instead as Indigenous Peoples Day; further directs the Governor to recommend that it be observed by the people, with appropriate exercises in the schools and otherwise, to acknowledge the history of genocide and discrimination against Indigenous peoples, and to recognize and celebrate the thriving cultures and continued resistance and resilience of Indigenous peoples and their tribal nations.

League Positions:

LWVUS Impact on Issues, p. 122 Equality of Opportunity position

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the federal government shares with other levels of government the responsibility to provide equality of opportunity for education, employment, and housing for all persons in the United States regardless of their race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or disability. The League supports federal efforts to prevent and/or remove discrimination in education, employment, and housing and to help communities bring about racial integration of their school systems. The League of Women Voters of the United States supports equal rights for all under state and federal law.