

1 A RESOLUTION designating the second Monday in October as "Indigenous
2 Peoples' Day" to celebrate and honor indigenous peoples and their shared history and
3 culture.

4 WHEREAS, Kentucky has been home to Native American people for thousands of
5 years; and

6 WHEREAS, many historic tribes, including the Chickasaw, Shawnee, and
7 Cherokee, called Kentucky home before their forced removal; and

8 WHEREAS, today more than 30,000 American Indians representing nearly 200
9 different tribes reside in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

10 WHEREAS, Kentucky recognizes and promotes Native American contributions and
11 influences in Kentucky's history and culture; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States Government and the Commonwealth of Kentucky
13 have declared and recognized the month of November as American Indian Heritage
14 Month; and

15 WHEREAS, "Indigenous Peoples' Day" was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation
16 of Native Nations to the United Nations International Conference on Discrimination
17 against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

18 WHEREAS, currently over 50 municipalities and 14 States celebrate "Indigenous
19 Peoples' Day" on the second Monday of October; and

20 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives recognizes and values the vast
21 contributions made to the United States by indigenous peoples' knowledge, science,
22 philosophy, arts, and culture;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

24 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
25 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

26 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby honors and recognizes the
27 unique contributions made by indigenous peoples to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and

1 the United States of America.

2 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives declares the second Monday of
3 October to be "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in Kentucky.

4 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House is directed to transmit a copy of this
5 resolution to Representative David Meade.