

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 Senate recognizes and values the vast contributions made to the
21 United States by indigenous peoples' knowledge, science, philosophy, arts, and culture;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

23 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
24 ***Kentucky:***

25 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors and recognizes the unique contributions
26 made by indigenous peoples to the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the United States of
27 America.

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

3 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
4 resolution to Senator Rick Girdler.