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1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the second Monday in October
3 2021 as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in Florida.

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5 WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day is a holiday that
6 celebrates and honors Native American peoples and commemorates
7 their histories and cultures, and

8 WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977
9 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations
10 International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous
11 Populations in the Americas, and

12 WHEREAS, while there is no federally recognized holiday,
13 Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated across the United States
14 on the second Monday of October and is an official city and
15 state holiday in various localities, and

16 WHEREAS, before colonization, indigenous peoples lived and
17 flourished in the Americas for thousands of years, and

18 WHEREAS, the European colonization of North America led to
19 the deaths of millions of native people and the forced
20 assimilation of survivors, resulting in a loss of many native
21 cultures, and

22 WHEREAS, there are an estimated 174,068 people identified
23 as Native Americans or as descendants of Native Americans living
24 in Florida based on the 2019 United States Census Bureau, and

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25 WHEREAS, Florida recognizes and values the vast
26 contributions made to the state and nation by indigenous peoples
27 in science, philosophy, arts, and culture, and

28 WHEREAS, Florida supports and encourages appropriate
29 ceremonies and activities to celebrate and promote awareness of
30 indigenous peoples, NOW, THEREFORE,

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32 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
33 Florida:

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35 That the second Monday in October 2021 is recognized as
36 "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in Florida.