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House Resolution

A resolution recognizing the second Monday in October 2022 as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in Florida.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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25 WHEREAS, Florida supports and encourages appropriate ceremonies and activities to celebrate and promote awareness of 26 27 indigenous peoples, NOW, THEREFORE, 28 29 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida: 30 31 32 That the second Monday in October 2022 is recognized as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in Florida. 33