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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution recognizing the second Monday in October  
3 2026 as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in the State of  
4 Florida.

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

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

13 WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated across the  
14 United States on the second Monday of October and is an official  
15 city and 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, many native cultures were lost due to European  
19 colonization of North America, which led to the deaths of  
20 millions of native people and the forced assimilation of  
21 survivors, and

22 WHEREAS, there are approximately 94,795 people identified  
23 as Native Americans or as descendants of Native Americans living  
24 in Florida based on 2020 United States Census Bureau data, and

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25           WHEREAS, indigenous people have immeasurably contributed to  
26 the state and nation in various fields, including science,  
27 philosophy, culture, and the arts, and

28           WHEREAS, numerous ceremonies and activities throughout the  
29 state celebrate indigenous people and their histories, NOW,  
30 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 2026 is recognized as  
36 "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in the State of Florida.