

HOUSE BILL No. 2006

By Representatives Highberger, Byers, Haswood and Victors

12-17

1 AN ACT concerning legal public holidays; designating Indigenous Peoples
2 Day; amending K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 35-107 and 35-205 and repealing
3 the existing sections.

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5 WHEREAS, The State of Kansas recognizes that it was founded
6 and built upon lands first inhabited by the indigenous peoples of this
7 region, including the Kanza and Osage peoples, and acknowledges and
8 honors these members of the community, both past and present; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Kansas recognizes the historic, cultural
10 and contemporary significance of the indigenous peoples of the lands that
11 later became known as the Americas, including Kansas, and values the
12 many contributions of these peoples; and

13 WHEREAS, The idea of Indigenous Peoples Day was first
14 proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native nations to the International
15 Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the
16 Americas; and

17 WHEREAS, The states of Alaska, Hawaii, Maine, New Mexico,
18 Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont and a growing number of cities across the
19 United States have proclaimed the second Monday of October to be
20 Indigenous Peoples Day or Native American Day.

21 Now, therefore:

22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

23 Section 1. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 35-107 is hereby amended to read as
24 follows: 35-107. (a) ~~On and after January 1, 2006,~~ The following days are
25 declared to be legal public holidays and are to be observed as such:

26 New Year's Day, January 1;

27 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the third Monday in January;

28 President's Day, the third Monday in February;

29 Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;

30 Independence Day, July 4;

31 Labor Day, the first Monday in September;

32 ~~Columbus Day~~ *Indigenous Peoples Day*, the second Monday in
33 October;

34 Veterans' Day, the eleventh day in November;

35 Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November;

36 Christmas Day, December 25.

1 (b) Any reference in the laws of this state concerning observance of
2 legal holidays shall ~~on and after January 1, 2006~~, be considered as a
3 reference to the day or days prescribed in subsection (a) for the observance
4 of such legal holiday or holidays.

5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 35-205 is hereby amended to read as
6 follows: 35-205. ~~(a) The fourth Saturday of September of the present year~~
7 ~~of our Lord 1945, and the fourth Saturday of September of each year~~
8 ~~thereafter is hereby designated as "Native American Day."~~

9 ~~(b) The first Wednesday of February of 2014, and the first Wednesday~~
10 ~~of February of each year thereafter~~ is hereby designated as "Native
11 American Legislative Day at the Capitol."

12 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 35-107 and 35-205 are hereby repealed.

13 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
14 publication in the statute book.