

**HOUSE BILL No. 2374**

By Representatives Haswood and Highberger

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

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

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

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

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

20 Now, therefore:

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

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

25 New Year's Day, January 1;

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

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

28 Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;

29 Independence Day, July 4;

30 Labor Day, the first Monday in September;

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

33 Veterans' Day, the eleventh day in November;

34 Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November;

35 Christmas Day, December 25.

36 (b) Any reference in the laws of this state concerning observance of

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

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

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

11 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 35-107 and 35-205 are hereby repealed.

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