

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Since the early 1990s, dozens of cities and a
2 growing number of states have adopted the observance of Indigenous
3 Peoples' Day to celebrate the history and contributions of Native
4 Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977
6 as part of the International Conference on Discrimination Against
7 Indigenous Populations in the Americas; coinciding with Columbus
8 Day, it has become an important means of focusing attention on the
9 native peoples of the Americas, past and present, and some
10 institutions have expanded the observance to encompass a full week;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Over the millennia, ancient peoples built empires,
13 constructed sophisticated cities, and developed elaborate trade
14 networks and complex social systems; the area now known as Texas
15 became home to numerous indigenous tribes with their own unique
16 cultures and ways of life; and

17 WHEREAS, Early inhabitants of our state's Gulf Coast included
18 the semi-nomadic Atakapa, Karankawa, Mariame, and Akokisa, who
19 lived on the shore for part of the year and moved some 30 to 40 miles
20 inland on a seasonal basis; the Caddo in East Texas and Jumano in
21 West Texas were farmers and traders, with economic ties to other
22 tribes and, later, to Europeans; the Comanche and Apache were
23 bison-hunting warriors who traversed large regions of the Southern
24 Plains on horseback; a host of other groups inhabited the Plains

1 area as well, among them Coahuiltecans, Cocoimes, Chisos, Tobosos,
2 Tawakonis, Wacos, and Kiowas; and

3 WHEREAS, Today, the Lone Star State is home to Native
4 Americans from diverse tribal nations, and the effort to retain
5 ancestral memories, languages, and cultures is ongoing and vital;
6 the observation of Indigenous Peoples' Week raises awareness of
7 this rich heritage and the wide-ranging contributions Native
8 Americans have made and continue to make to our state and nation;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
11 hereby designate the second week in October as Indigenous Peoples'
12 Week; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
14 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
15 until the 10th anniversary of the date that this resolution finally
16 is passed by the legislature.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 62 was adopted by the House on May 11, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 124, Nays 21, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.C.R. No. 62 on May 28, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.C.R. No. 62

I certify that H.C.R. No. 62 was adopted by the Senate, as amended, on May 26, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor