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S.C.R. No. 48

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The very name of Texas is derived from the Caddo word
2 *tayshas*, meaning "friend," and such treaties as the 1838 Treaty of
3 Live Oak Point between the Republic of Texas and the Lipan Apache
4 Tribe, as well as various treaties made with the Karankawa,
5 Comanche, and Cherokee nations, reflect attempts to forge a
6 friendly relationship between Indigenous peoples and the republic
7 and state governments of Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, The promises and terms of these treaties have not
9 always been upheld, however, which has resulted in the loss of life,
10 property, and culture, and these historical misunderstandings and
11 tragedies are still in need of healing; and

12 WHEREAS, Since the early 1990s, dozens of cities and a
13 growing number of states have adopted the observance of Indigenous
14 Peoples' Day to celebrate the history and contributions of Native
15 Americans; and

16 WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977
17 as part of the International Conference on Discrimination Against
18 Indigenous Populations in the Americas; coinciding with Columbus
19 Day, the observance has become an important means of focusing
20 attention on the native peoples of the Americas, past, present, and
21 future; and

22 WHEREAS, The area now known as Texas has been home to
23 Indigenous populations since time immemorial, and over the
24 millennia, the region has been home to numerous tribes with their

1 own unique cultures and ways of life; and

2 WHEREAS, Among other tribes, inhabitants of Texas have
3 included the Alabama-Coushatta, Atakapa, Karankawa, Mariame, and
4 Akokisa along the Gulf Coast, the Caddo, Choctaw, Anadarko,
5 Cherokee, and Wichita in North and East Texas, the Manso and Suma
6 and the people of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo in West Texas, the
7 Coahuiltecan, Yaqui, Kickapoo, and Carizzo in South Texas, and the
8 Cocomis, Chizos, Tobosos, Tawankonis, and Wacos on the North
9 Central Plains; in addition, numerous traditionally nomadic
10 peoples, such as the Comanche, Kiowa Apache, Arapaho, and Lipan
11 Apache, have lived throughout the state; and

12 WHEREAS, The continued presence of Native Americans during
13 the era of the Indian Termination Policy of the mid-1900s and in the
14 decades since has led to an active and thriving Indigenous
15 community in Texas; today, the Lone Star State is home to people
16 from diverse tribal nations from across the Americas, and the
17 effort to retain ancestral memories, languages, and cultures is
18 ongoing and vital; the observation of Indigenous Peoples' Day
19 raises awareness of this rich heritage and the wide-ranging
20 contributions Native Americans have made, are making, and will
21 continue to make to our state and nation; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby designate the second Monday in October as Indigenous
24 Peoples' Day; and, be it further

25 RESOLVED, That, in accordance with the provisions of Section
26 [391.004\(d\)](#), Government Code, this designation remain in effect
27 until the 10th anniversary of the date this resolution is finally

1 passed by the legislature.