

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

ACTION STEPS

Indigenous Peoples' Day MA - "Get Involved" page:

<http://www.indigenouspeoplesdayma.org/getinvolved/>

Statewide Bill:

<http://www.indigenouspeoplesdayma.org/statewide-bill/> - The movement is requesting letters to be sent to the Massachusetts State House, to the attention of the following: "Senator Marc Pacheco and Representative Danielle Gregoire, Joint Committee Chairs of State Administration and Regulatory Oversight Committee."

Mashpee Wampanoag Land Trust - H.R. 312

(<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/312>) - contact your Senator in support of this bill to reaffirm the federal recognition of the Mashpee Wampanoag, which stands in jeopardy currently.

More resources:

#IndigenousPeoplesDay

#AbolishColumbusDay

#StandWithMashpee

<https://native-land.ca/>

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You are on Nipmuc and Massachusett land.

For years, Indigenous activists and allies across the US have mobilized to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day, ending a celebration of colonialism and setting the historical record straight. Several states and countless cities across the US have already made the change and a statewide bill (H. 3665) is currently under consideration by the MA legislature.

In 2016, Brandeis students successfully led the charge to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day and change the institutional calendar. They advanced a resolution first through the Student Union and then the University Advisory Council, which read:

"The legacy of Christopher Columbus is one of imperialism, genocide, torture, enslavement and long-term systematic injustices which conflict with Brandeis University's core principles of social justice... The Brandeis University campus would benefit from engaging in a celebration of Indigenous Peoples' culture and history."

Since then, Indigenous Peoples' Day has been an opportunity for discussions, teach-ins, and events about settler colonialism and Indigenous peoples worldwide.