

# Cultural Survival

## Indigenous Peoples' Rights

<https://www.culturalsurvival.org/news/advance-massachusetts-indigenous-legislative-agenda>

## Campaign and Advocacy

**ACTION ALERT:** A bill to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day is currently under consideration at the Massachusetts State Legislature and we need your help to write to the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight to show your support! While some cities and towns across the state have been passing Indigenous Peoples Day resolutions and celebrating the holiday, there is an immense need for this statewide bill to pass locally, and be a part of the growing movement of changing this holiday across the United States. On September 28, the Committee will host a hearing on this important bill from the MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda: **H.3191/S.2027 An Act establishing an Indigenous Peoples Day**. If you are a Massachusetts resident, the Committee needs to hear your voice in support of H.3191/S.2027, both leading up to and after this hearing. Send your letter today!

Go to the Action Network link <https://bit.ly/IPDMA2021> where you will find the text of the bill, an automated letter that you can send to legislators, and information about how to send your own letter if you do not want to use the automated Action Network letter. Please plan to modify the Action Network letter to tell the legislators why this bill is so important to you -- personalization helps a lot! Sending this will only take a few minutes of your time.

The time is long overdue for Massachusetts public schools to educate all students about Native American cultures, histories, and current issues, and we need your help to get this act passed!

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*Please go to [MA Indigenous Agenda.org](https://www.maindigenousagenda.org) for information about all five legislative priorities this session, including eliminating Native American mascots, honoring Indigenous Peoples Day, celebrating and teaching Native American culture & history, protecting Native American heritage, and supporting the education and futures of Native youth.*

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Cultural Survival advocates for Indigenous Peoples' rights and supports Indigenous communities self-determination, cultures and political resilience, since 1972.

Cultural Survival envisions a future that respects and honors Indigenous Peoples' inherent rights and dynamic cultures, deeply and richly interwoven in lands, languages, spiritual traditions, and artistic expression, rooted in self-determination and self-governance.

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