

HOUSE No. 651

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jack Patrick Lewis

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to celebrating and teaching Native American culture and history.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>	<i>2/22/2021</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/16/2021</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>4/1/2021</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>

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By Mr. Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 651) of Jack Patrick Lewis and others for legislation to require the teaching of Native American culture and history in public schools. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to celebrating and teaching Native American culture and history.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The third paragraph of section 1D of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following
3 sentence:- The standards shall provide for instruction in: (i) tribal history and current issues of
4 the Aquinnah Wampanoag, Mashpee Wampanoag and other Wampanoag tribes, the
5 Massachuset, the Nipmuc and other Native American tribes that exist within Massachusetts; (ii)
6 information about tribes and confederacies that have historic ties to Massachusetts, such as the
7 Wabanaki Confederacy; (iii) tribal history of Native Americans throughout the United States;
8 (iv) tribal sovereignty and governance, treaty rights, genocide, Native American cultures,
9 languages and socioeconomic experiences; and (v) ongoing issues common to contemporary
10 Native Americans throughout Massachusetts; provided, that the board shall consult with tribal
11 nations in developing these standards.