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S. 2970

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2023

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. SMITH, Mr. KAINE, Ms. WARREN, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Indigenous Peoples'
5 Day Act".

1 **SEC. 2. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY AS A LEGAL PUBLIC**
2 **HOLIDAY.**

3 Section 6103(a) of title 5, United States Code, is
4 amended by striking the item relating to Columbus Day
5 and inserting the following:

6 "Indigenous Peoples' Day, the second Monday
7 in October."

8 **SEC. 3. TERM "COLUMBUS DAY" REPLACED.**

9 Any reference to "Columbus Day" in any law, rule,
10 regulation, or other official paper in effect as of the date
11 of enactment of this Act shall be deemed to be a reference
12 to "Indigenous Peoples' Day".

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