

**HOUSE BILL No. 2009**

By Representatives Highberger and Victors

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1 AN ACT concerning legal public holidays; designating indigenous peoples  
2 day; amending K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 35-107 and 35-205 and repealing the  
3 existing sections.

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5 WHEREAS, The State of Kansas recognizes that it was founded  
6 and built upon lands first inhabited by the indigenous peoples of this  
7 region, including the Kanza and Osage peoples, and acknowledges and  
8 honors these members of the community, both past and present; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Kansas recognizes the historic, cultural  
10 and contemporary significance of the indigenous peoples of the lands that  
11 later became known as the Americas, including Kansas, and values the  
12 many contributions of these peoples; and

13 WHEREAS, The idea of Indigenous Peoples Day was first  
14 proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native nations to the International  
15 Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the  
16 Americas; and

17 WHEREAS, The states of Alaska, Hawaii, South Dakota,  
18 Vermont and a growing number of cities across the United States have  
19 proclaimed the second Monday of October to be Indigenous Peoples Day  
20 or Native American Day.

21 Now, therefore:

22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

23 Section 1. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 35-107 is hereby amended to read as  
24 follows: 35-107. (a) On and after January 1, 2006, the following days are  
25 declared to be legal public holidays and are to be observed as such:

26 New Year's Day, January 1;

27 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the third Monday in January;

28 President's Day, the third Monday in February;

29 Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;

30 Independence Day, July 4;

31 Labor Day, the first Monday in September;

32 ~~Columbus Day~~ *Indigenous Peoples Day*, the second Monday in  
33 October;

34 Veterans' Day, the eleventh day in November;

35 Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November;

36 Christmas Day, December 25.

1 (b) Any reference in the laws of this state concerning observance of  
2 legal holidays shall on and after January 1, 2006, be considered as a  
3 reference to the day or days prescribed in subsection (a) for the observance  
4 of such legal holiday or holidays.

5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 35-205 is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows: 35-205. ~~(a) The fourth Saturday of September of the present year~~  
7 ~~of our Lord 1945, and the fourth Saturday of September of each year~~  
8 ~~thereafter is hereby designated as "Native American Day."~~

9 ~~(b) The first Wednesday of February of 2014, and the first Wednesday~~  
10 ~~of February of each year thereafter is hereby designated as "Native~~  
11 ~~American Legislative Day at the Capitol."~~

12 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 35-107 and 35-205 are hereby repealed.

13 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
14 publication in the statute book.