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1 AN ACT TO : Rename Columbus Day- Indigenous People's Day

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3 ***The People of the State of New York, represented in the Senate***
4 ***and Assembly, do enact as follows:***

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6 **PURPOSE:** To change the name "Columbus" Day to "Indigenous Peoples" Day in the state of New
7 York

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9 **SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS :**

10 Section 1 : Indigenous Peoples represent the eight federally recognized tribes currently in the
11 State of New York.

12 Section 2 : (1) Indigenous Peoples Day will be observed in accordance with the State of New York
13 Civil Service code and protocol for National Holidays.

14 (2) Indigenous Peoples Day replace the name Columbus Day in the state of New York.

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16 **JUSTIFICATION:** Columbus Day should be changed to Indigenous Peoples Day. Christopher
17 Columbus does not deserve to have his own holiday. While it is true that he found the Americas
18 for Spain, in the process Columbus killed up to 90% of the indigenous population in the Americas
19 due to European diseases carried by the explorers and the conquering of their people. World
20 renowned historian Howard Zinn stated, "In just two years under Columbus's governorship
21 through murder, mutilation, being worked to death or suicide, more than half the 250,000 Indians
22 in Haiti were dead." Columbus did not accidently kill these native people. He knew they were
23 vulnerable and took advantage of that, as shown in these statements, "They are artless and
24 generous with what they have, to such a degree as no one would believe but him who had seen it.
25 Of anything they have, if it be asked for, they never say no, but do rather invite the person to
26 accept it, and show as much lovingness as though they would give their hearts." With that being
27 said he told the Kings and Queens this "their Highnesses may see that I shall give them as much
28 gold as they need and slaves as many as they shall order to be shipped."

29 <http://www.understandingprejudice.org/nativeiq/columbus.htm#source7>

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31 **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** This will have a minimal fiscal impact on the State of New York.

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33 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 20, 2017