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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; establishing the American Indian and Indigenous
1.3 Peoples Day; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10.
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **[10.556] AMERICAN INDIAN AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Observance.** The second Monday in October shall be known as
1.7 American Indian and Indigenous Peoples Day to acknowledge and promote the well-being
1.8 and growth of Minnesota's American Indian and Indigenous community. American
1.9 Indian and Indigenous Peoples Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of
1.10 indigenous people in this state, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Dakota,
1.11 Ojibwe, and other indigenous nations add to our state.

1.12 Subd. 2. **State recognition.** The state recognizes the annexation of Dakota and
1.13 Ojibwe homelands for the building of our state and recognizes that American Indian and
1.14 Indigenous nations have lived upon this land since time immemorial and the state values
1.15 the progress our society has accomplished through American Indian culture, knowledge,
1.16 technology, and thought. The state has a strong history of collaboration with American
1.17 Indian tribes and indigenous communities in solving pressing issues for American Indian
1.18 tribes and indigenous communities.

1.19 Subd. 3. **Disparities.** The state understands that in order to close persistent and
1.20 pervasive disparities, government entities, organizations, and other public and private
1.21 institutions are encouraged to change their policies and practices to reflect the experiences
1.22 of American Indian people and our country's indigenous roots, culture, history, and
1.23 significant contributions. Businesses, organizations, and public and private entities are

- 2.1 encouraged to recognize and participate in the American Indian and Indigenous Peoples
- 2.2 Day in order to close disparities.