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03/16/2015	910	Chief author stricken, shown as co-author Pappas Chief author added Eaton Author added Saxhaug
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A bill for an act
relating to state government; establishing the American Indian and Indigenous
Peoples Day; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

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

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

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

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