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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 127

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Resolution 127 by deleting
3 everything and replacing it with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, On October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus, an
5 Italian explorer sailing under the flag of Spain, spotted the
6 island of San Salvador in The Bahamas, discovering the "New
7 World" and forever changing the history of the world; and

8 WHEREAS, The anniversary of Columbus's landing in the
9 Americas became a national holiday in the United States in
10 1937; it became a State holiday in Illinois in 1963; and

11 WHEREAS, The arrival of Christopher Columbus to the
12 Americas brought forth an era of terror and oppression unlike
13 any seen before in human history; he helped introduce the
14 concept of slavery to the Americas and murdered and dehumanized
15 countless numbers of indigenous peoples; and

1 WHEREAS, In 1977, a movement began to celebrate "Indigenous
2 Peoples' Day", also known as "Native American Day", on Columbus
3 Day as a counter-celebration that promotes Native American
4 culture and the celebration of its history; in the years that
5 followed, several local governments and institutions across
6 the United States have either renamed or canceled Columbus Day
7 due to the controversy over his legacy; and

8 WHEREAS, Recognizing "Indigenous Peoples' Day" would send
9 a clear message that the indigenous people of the Americas are
10 valued in our society, and it will give a voice to the most
11 marginalized group in our nation, Native Americans; therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 urge the State of Illinois to designate the second Monday in
16 October of each year as "Indigenous Peoples Day" and "Columbus
17 Day" in honor of those that were in North America prior to the
18 arrival of Christopher Columbus; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
20 presented to Governor Bruce Rauner, the Illinois Speaker of the
21 House of Representatives, the Illinois Senate President, the
22 Illinois House Minority Leader, and the Illinois Senate

1 Minority Leader."