Dear Senator/Representative [select one] [elected official’s last name],

Holidays represent important milestones and events. We celebrate many holidays to recognize who we are as cultural, national, ethnic, and religious groups: the Fourth of July, Christmas, Chanukah, Ramadan, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents’ Day, and many more.

But our calendars have an important absence. We don’t have a day to celebrate American Indian cultures or to commemorate the history of native peoples. This absence is profound in its silence. It lets us remain blind to the past and to ignore the challenges we still face today.

We call on [state] to designate the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Official recognition of this day signals our state’s commitment to the well-being of Native Americans, and is an important step in educating our citizens about Indigenous cultures and history.

Sincerely
[Your name]