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House of Representatives, January 21, 2009

An Act To Change the Name of Columbus Day to Heritage Day

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CASAVANT of Biddeford.
Cosponsored by Senator HOBBS of York and
Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BERRY of Bowdoinham, BRYANT of Windham,
CAIN of Orono, HOGAN of Old Orchard Beach, LEGG of Kennebunk, LOVEJOY of
Portland, MITCHELL of Penobscot Nation.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1051**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 819, Pt. A, §1, is
3 amended to read:

4 **§1051. Legal holidays**

5 ~~No court~~ Court may not be held on Sunday or any day designated for the annual
6 Thanksgiving; New Year's Day, January 1st; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, the 3rd
7 Monday in January; Washington's Birthday, the 3rd Monday in February; Patriot's Day,
8 the 3rd Monday in April; Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, but if the Federal
9 Government designates May 30th as the date for observance of Memorial Day, the 30th
10 of May; the 4th of July; Labor Day, the first Monday of September; Columbus Heritage
11 Day, the 2nd Monday in October; Veterans' Day, November 11th; or on Christmas Day.
12 The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court may order that court be held on a legal
13 holiday when ~~he~~ the Chief Justice finds that the interests of justice and judicial economy
14 in any particular case will be served. The public offices in county buildings may be
15 closed to business on the holidays named in this section. When any one of the holidays
16 named in this section falls on Sunday, the Monday following shall must be observed as a
17 holiday, with all the privileges applying to any of the days named in this section.

18 **Sec. 2. 9-B MRSA §145, sub-§1, ¶I**, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 398, Pt. B, §2, is
19 amended to read:

20 I. The 2nd Monday in October, Columbus Heritage Day;

21 **Sec. 3. 20-A MRSA §4802, sub-§1, ¶E**, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 693, §§5 and
22 8, is amended to read:

23 E. Columbus Heritage Day, the 2nd Monday in October;

24 **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §4691, sub-§2**, as enacted by PL 1979, c. 571, is amended to
25 read:

26 **2. Business day.** "Business day" means any day other than Saturday, Sunday or the
27 following national holidays: New Year's Day; Washington's Birthday; Memorial Day;
28 Independence Day; Labor Day; Columbus Heritage Day, the 2nd Monday in October;
29 Veteran's Day; Thanksgiving and Christmas.

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This bill changes references to the federally named Columbus Day to Heritage Day
32 for use in the State.