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House of Representatives, January 8, 2015

An Act To Establish Native American Heritage and Culture Day

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation.
Cosponsored by Senator DILL of Penobscot and Representatives: BEAR of the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, BECK of Waterville, DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, DION of Portland, MARTIN of Eagle Lake, MELARAGNO of Auburn, ROTUNDO of Lewiston, SCHNECK of Bangor.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §150-L** is enacted to read:

3 **§150-L. Native American Heritage and Culture Day**

4 In recognition of the service and sacrifice of Maine Indian tribes since the beginning
5 of our nation in support for its liberties, and to recognize the thousands of years of Native
6 American heritage and the culture Maine Indian tribes have contributed to the State, the
7 Governor annually shall issue a proclamation designating March 20th as Native
8 American Heritage and Culture Day, and the Governor shall urge the people of the State
9 to observe this day in suitable places and with appropriate ceremony and activity.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This bill establishes Native American Heritage and Culture Day to honor the service,
12 sacrifice, heritage and cultural contributions of Maine Indian tribes.