



AN ACT ESTABLISHING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY AS A LEGAL HOLIDAY IN MONTANA; AND  
AMENDING SECTION 1-1-216, MCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 1-1-216, MCA, is amended to read:

**"1-1-216. Legal holidays and business days.** (1) The following are legal holidays in the state of Montana:

- (a) Each Sunday;
  - (b) New Year's Day, January 1;
  - (c) Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the third Monday in January;
  - (d) ~~Lincoln's and Washington's Birthdays~~ Presidents' Day, the third Monday in February;
  - (e) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;
  - (f) Independence Day, July 4;
  - (g) Labor Day, the first Monday in September;
  - (h) Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day, the second Monday in October;
  - (i) Veterans' Day, November 11;
  - (j) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November;
  - (k) Christmas Day, December 25;
  - (l) State general election day.
- (2) (a) If any of the holidays in subsection (1)(b) through (1)(l) fall on a Sunday, the Monday

following is a holiday.

(b) If any of the holidays in subsection (1)(b) through (1)(l) fall on a Saturday, the Friday preceding is a holiday.

(c) All other days are business days."

**Section 2. Notification to Montana supreme court.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to the Montana supreme court. The Montana supreme court is requested to update the definition of "legal holiday" in its rules of civil procedure to reflect the provisions of [section 1].

**Section 3. Notification to local governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to the Montana league of cities and towns and to the Montana association of counties.

**Section 4. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
SB 224, originated in the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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