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June 16, 2021

Hon. Anthony Portantino, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5050  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 855 (Ramos), as introduced – Support/Sponsor  
Hearing: Senate Appropriations Committee – June 21, 2021

Dear Senator Portantino:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support and sponsor AB 855, which makes Native American Day a judicial holiday in lieu of Columbus Day.

Sponsoring legislation to recognize Native American Day as a judicial holiday furthers the Judicial Council’s mission, as embodied in the council’s Strategic Plan, to “remove all barriers to access and fairness by being responsive to the state’s cultural, ethnic, socioeconomic, linguistic, physical, gender, and age diversities, and to all people.” It also supports the Chief Justice’s direction to address bias and racism. Finally, it bolsters the Judicial Council’s ongoing efforts to evaluate branch practices, policies, and procedures to identify opportunities to remove barriers to access and fairness while also addressing conscious and unconscious bias, including racism.

Unlike state agency and legislative holidays, judicial holidays are set forth in the Code of Civil Procedure. By updating the Code of Civil Procedure to exchange Native American Day for Columbus Day, AB 855 aligns the judicial branch with the other branches of state government who no longer observe Columbus Day. Both Native American Day and Columbus Day are already official state holidays as defined in section 6700 of the Government Code. This will not change, as AB 855 amends the Code of Civil Procedure which only applies to the courts. Finally, we note that this bill will not create any additional costs for the courts as it merely exchanges one day for another.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support and sponsor AB 855.

Hon. Anthony Portantino

June 16, 2021

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Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Kate Nitta at 916-323-3121.

Sincerely,

*Sent June 16, 2021*

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cc: Members, Senate Appropriations Committee  
Hon. James Ramos, Assembly Member, 40th District  
Mr. Shaun Naidu, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee  
Ms. Jessica Devencenzi, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor  
Mr. Martin Hoshino, Administrative Director, Judicial Council of California



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June 4, 2021

Hon. Thomas Umberg, Chair  
Senate Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5097  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 855 (Ramos), as introduced – Support/Sponsor  
Hearing: Senate Judiciary Committee – June 8, 2021

Dear Senator Umberg:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support and sponsor AB 855, which makes Native American Day a judicial holiday in lieu of Columbus Day.

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cc: Members, Senate Judiciary Committee  
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Ms. Allison Meredith, Counsel, Senate Judiciary Committee  
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March 11, 2021

Hon. Mark Stone, Chair  
Assembly Judiciary Committee  
State Capitol, Room 3146  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 855 (Ramos), as introduced – Support/Sponsor  
Hearing: Assembly Judiciary Committee – March 23, 2021

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support and sponsor AB 855, which makes Native American Day a judicial holiday in lieu of Columbus Day.

Sponsoring legislation to recognize Native American Day as a judicial holiday furthers the Judicial Council’s mission, as embodied in the council’s Strategic Plan, to “remove all barriers to access and fairness by being responsive to the state’s cultural, ethnic, socioeconomic, linguistic, physical, gender, and age diversities, and to all people.” It also supports the Chief Justice’s direction to address bias and racism. Finally, it bolsters the Judicial Council’s ongoing efforts to evaluate branch practices, policies, and procedures to identify opportunities to remove barriers to access and fairness while also addressing conscious and unconscious bias, including racism.

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March 11, 2021

Hon. James Ramos  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4162  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 855 (Ramos), as introduced – Support/Sponsor

Dear Assembly Member Ramos:

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