

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 90

Approved by the Governor May 20, 1983

Introduced by Pappas, 42

AN ACT to establish a day in recognition of American Indians; to provide duties; to urge observation of such day; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. The Legislature finds that American Indians were the first residents of the State of Nebraska. The Legislature further finds that these residents have made advances to the growth and development of the United States, the State of Nebraska, and their local communities, first through history and now through human and natural resources. The Legislature also finds that American Indians have made significant contributions and will continue to make contributions to the development of business, industry, education, the arts, and other areas which have made this country and this state a good place in which to live. The Legislature also finds that many of these contributions are unknown and unrecognized by many Nebraska citizens.

Sec. 2. It is hereby declared that the fourth Monday in September of each year shall be known in Nebraska as American Indian Day and that on this day schools, clubs, and civic and religious organizations shall be encouraged to recognize the contributions of American Indians with suitable ceremony and fellowship designed to promote greater understanding and brotherhood between American Indians and the non-Indian people of the State of Nebraska.

Sec. 3. (1) The Governor shall, prior to the fourth Monday in September of each year, issue a proclamation inviting and urging the people of the State of Nebraska to observe American Indian Day with suitable ceremony and fellowship.

(2) The State Department of Education and the Commission on Indian Affairs shall make, within the limits of funds available for such purpose, information available to all people of this state regarding American Indian Day and the observance thereof.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act shall be in full force and take effect, from and after its passage and approval, according to law.