

...And If That Were Not Enough...



A very controversial Bill has been introduced in the United States Senate to eliminate Columbus Day as a national holiday. The “Indigenous People’s Day Act” is being pushed by a Native American coalition.

Unfortunately, the Bill has dozens of democrat sponsors from both the Senate and House of Representatives. California Senator Alex Padilla (D-Senator For CA) is a co-sponsor of the Bill.

The purpose of the Bill is to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day as a Federal Holiday. This is a serious threat to Italian Americans and if passed will empower native American tribes to cancel Columbus Day in every state, city, and town in America.

The Italian American community will have its hands full next year to prevent this Bill from passing before the next election. One can expect Italian American resistance.

Historically, Columbus Day has been a day of national unity and celebration of heritage in the Italian American community. It still is for most Italian Americans. But in today’s world that unity on Columbus Day will be tested, as well as the future of our heritage and identity of other Americans.

This is the same plight Italian Americans faced in California when Columbus Day was replaced in 2021 with Indigenous People’s Day.

For 40 years, Italian Americans had done battle in the California State Legislature to protect Columbus Day against the tribal nations. But the tribes, with their great casino wealth, and political influence from that wealth,

finally prevailed over the Italian American community. And they only had to win once with a willing Legislature and Governor.

Shades of Sacramento County. The parallels to what has happened in Sacramento County, across California, and across the United States are evident in the national conflict taking place between Native Americans and Italian Americans over Columbus Day and Columbus statues.

While Italian Americans have not opposed native American holiday's, the same cannot be said of native Americans in their mission to erase Columbus Day. Wherever Italian Americans have asked native Americans to seek a different date for Indigenous Peoples Day than Columbus Day, the response is always the same. Replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day. And that is the stated goal of the federal legislation.

Native Americans know what they are doing, and they have been at it for decades. They know Italian Americans are their main opposition to eliminating Columbus Day. It is no secret they have a well- funded organized coalition to overwhelm the Italian American community.

This is part of a national strategy by native Americans and other racial groups to erase and replace the art, the monuments, the history, the culture and even the holidays of the rest of us. In the belief they are justified by their grievances and with no regard for the aspirations of Italian Americans.

These sacred treasures are part of our American story and our American history. You can see where this is going. What's next. Everything. Even that would not be enough to satisfy or appease their ire.

Columbus Day is a symbol of America and of Italian Americans. Take away our symbols, you take away our identity.

Simply put, it comes down to the creation of America as a beacon of Western Civilization vs. anti-Western historical grievances.

One of our speakers at this years Columbus Day Festival at the Italian Center had this to say, "As Italian Americans we must not allow a vocal minority to cancel our holiday and our history."