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**Statement of Lt. Governor Gray on Indigenous Peoples' Day 2021**

**Montpelier, Vt.** —This morning, Lt. Governor Gray released the following statement on Indigenous Peoples' Day 2021:

"Today, across Vermont, we recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day. Across this nation, and here in Vermont, we commemorate the rich history and culture of Indigenous Peoples' and recommit ourselves to enacting policies and practices that promote and respect cultural equity.

Since October 2019, Vermont has joined a dozen states in recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day. Vermont is proudly home to the Elnu Abenaki Tribe, Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe, Abenaki Nation of Missisquoi and the Koasek Traditional Band of the Koas Abenaki Nation.

Today, I invite Vermonters to join me in reflecting on the history, culture and contributions of the Abenaki community and in supporting and uplifting their voices, experiences and needs.

Vermonters can learn more by visiting [Abenaki Supporting Abenaki](#), a non-profit dedicated to addressing food insecurity, food sovereignty and land access in Vermont."

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