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September 9, 2021

Hon. Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Assembly Bill 855 (Ramos) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The Judicial Council respectfully requests your signature on AB 855, a historic step to make Native American Day an official judicial holiday where all state courts will be closed for business in honor of California's First People and their history.

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 requests your signature on AB 855.

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

Sincerely,

September 9, 2021

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cc: Hon. James Ramos, Member of the Assembly
Ms. Jessica Devencenzi, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor
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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.

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Sincerely,

Sent June 16, 2021

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Hon. James Ramos, Assembly Member, 40th District
Mr. Shaun Naidu, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee
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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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Sincerely,

Sent June 4, 2021

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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.

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Sincerely,

Sent March 11, 2021

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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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Sincerely,

Sent March 11, 2021

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