

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB485**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Murante**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: March 23, 2017**

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB485 establishes Standing Bear and Indigenous Leaders' Day to honor Chief Standing Bear and the many other remarkable and noble leaders of the state's indigenous peoples, including, but not limited to, Chief Blackbird, Chief Little Priest, and Big Eagle.

The second Monday in October each year shall be known as Standing Bear and Indigenous Leaders' Day, shall be observed in this state as a legal holiday, and shall replace Columbus Day as a state holiday.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks