

Resolution to Preserve Columbus Day

Whereas: The Massachusetts Republican Party stands with the Commonwealth's Italian Americans, Spanish Americans, Catholic Americans, Historians and other devoted citizens in steadfastly supporting preservation of the second Monday of October as "Columbus Day" which is currently the federally recognized holiday.

Whereas: The Massachusetts Republican Party acknowledges the history of the holiday. Columbus Day was instituted as part of an agreement between the United States and Italy to avoid a pending war in the aftermath of the horrific lynching of eleven Italians in New Orleans in 1891. Ever after, it has been commemorated for Italians to celebrate their heritage and collective contributions to the United States.

Whereas: The Knights of Columbus celebrate Columbus Day, knowing that the explorer brought Christianity to the New World – giving voice and representation to generations of Catholics.

Whereas: We already honor and celebrate the Indigenous community, on Native American Heritage Day the Friday after Thanksgiving in November.

Whereas: The Massachusetts Republican Party stands with the sentiment expressed by President Donald J. Trump who stated that he is “bringing Columbus Day back from the ashes.”

Be It Resolved: That the Massachusetts Republican Party stands in opposition to the repeal of the Federal Holiday of Columbus Day. The Massachusetts Republican Party will stand against cancelling the historical figure who has served as a symbol of pride for many Americans and:

1. Recognize Columbus Day
2. Oppose the destruction of Columbus statues
3. Acknowledge the discrimination against Italian Americans
4. Oppose efforts to erase culture
5. Stand against hate of ALL ethnic groups
6. Celebrate both Italian and Indigenous peoples both on their respective holidays