

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on State, Veterans, & Military Affairs.

HB20-1031 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3 **"SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general
4 assembly hereby finds and declares that:

5 (a) State holidays are intended to honor prominent figures in
6 United States history and acknowledge other civic events and celebrations
7 in Colorado.

8 (b) Although Christopher Columbus is recognized as a voyager
9 who arrived in what is now known as the Caribbean Sea, he never
10 traveled to or entered the territory that became the United States. He had
11 no knowledge of or contact with the area now known as the state of
12 Colorado, providing no rationale for a Colorado state holiday in his name.
13 In 1492, he was welcomed by the indigenous Taino people to their
14 homeland on the island of Quisqueya, which Columbus renamed
15 Hispaniola. Fifty years later, the Taino people had been nearly
16 exterminated by Columbus and his successors.

17 (c) Frances Xavier Cabrini was a humanitarian champion of
18 immigrants and children in the United States. Cabrini first came to
19 Colorado in 1902. In 1905, she opened the Queen of Heaven Orphanage
20 for girls in a residence in north Denver.

21 (d) In her lifetime, Cabrini was responsible for founding
22 sixty-seven institutions, including schools, hospitals, and orphanages
23 throughout the United States and in South and Central America.

24 (e) In 1909, Cabrini negotiated the purchase of a rural property to
25 serve as a summer camp for the girls living in the orphanage. The land
26 was on the eastern slope of Lookout Mountain in Golden and had no
27 reliable source of water.

28 (f) During Cabrini's last visit to Colorado in 1912, while staying
29 at the mountain camp, she directed the girls to dig under a specific rock
30 where they found a spring of fresh water. That spring continues to
31 provide water to the property today.

32 (g) The land upon which Cabrini established her orphanage and
33 camp is the traditional territory and homeland of the Cheyenne, Arapaho,
34 and Ute indigenous nations. Those indigenous peoples, and all indigenous
35 peoples, have a special, sacred relationship with water, similar to that of
36 Cabrini.

37 (h) Cabrini was naturalized as a United States citizen in October
38 1909. Renaming the second Monday in October as Frances Xavier
39 Cabrini Day in recognition of Cabrini's contributions to the state of
40 Colorado creates an opportunity to promote an appreciation, tolerance,

1 and understanding of the different cultures that make up our state.

2 (2) Therefore, in order to preserve the number of state holidays
3 while commemorating the contributions of Cabrini to Colorado and the
4 United States, the general assembly hereby replaces Columbus day with
5 Frances Xavier Cabrini day as a legal state holiday.

6 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-11-101, **amend**
7 (1) as follows:

8 **24-11-101. Legal holidays - effect.** (1) The following days, viz:
9 The first day of January, commonly called New Year's day; the third
10 Monday in January, which shall be observed as the birthday of Dr. Martin
11 Luther King, Jr.; the third Monday in February, commonly called
12 Washington-Lincoln day; the last Monday in May, commonly called
13 Memorial day; the fourth day of July, commonly called Independence
14 day; the first Monday in September, commonly called Labor day; the
15 ~~second~~ FIRST Monday in October, commonly called ~~Columbus~~ FRANCES
16 XAVIER CABRINI day; the eleventh day of November, commonly called
17 Veterans' day; the fourth Thursday in November, commonly called
18 Thanksgiving day; the twenty-fifth day of December, commonly called
19 Christmas day; and any day appointed or recommended by the governor
20 of this state or the president of the United States as a day of fasting or
21 prayer or thanksgiving, are hereby declared to be legal holidays and shall,
22 for all purposes whatsoever, as regards the presenting for payment or
23 acceptance and the protesting and giving notice of the dishonor of bills
24 of exchange, drafts, bank checks, promissory notes, or other negotiable
25 instruments and also for the holding of courts, be treated and considered
26 as is the first day of the week commonly called Sunday.

27 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 5-1-301, **amend** (6)
28 as follows:

29 **5-1-301. General definitions.** In addition to definitions appearing
30 in subsequent articles, as used in this code, unless the context otherwise
31 requires:

32 (6) "Business day" means any calendar day except Sunday, New
33 Year's day, the third Monday in January observed as the birthday of Dr.
34 Martin Luther King, Jr., Washington-Lincoln day, Memorial day,
35 Independence day, Labor day, ~~Columbus~~ FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI day,
36 Veterans' day, Thanksgiving day, and Christmas day.

37 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 6-1-102, **amend** (2.5)
38 as follows:

39 **6-1-102. Definitions.** As used in this article 1, unless the context
40 otherwise requires:

41 (2.5) "Business day" means any calendar day except Sunday, New
42 Year's day, the third Monday in January observed as the birthday of Dr.
43 Martin Luther King, Jr., Washington-Lincoln day, Memorial day,

1 Independence day, Labor day, C~~olumbus~~ FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI day,
2 Veterans' day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

3 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
4 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
5 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
6 5, 2020, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2020); except that, if a
7 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
8 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
9 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
10 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
11 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
12 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.".

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