

25 February 2023

House Committee on Special Legislation

The State of Rhode Island General Assembly
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Bill H 77326, introduced Jan 26, 2024

Honorable Members of the House Committee on Special Legislation:

I am a constituent of Representative Enrique George Sanchez, and I am writing in enthusiastic support of the proposed replacement of “Victory Day,” the name of the Rhode Island holiday observed on the second Monday of August, with the title “Peace and Remembrance Day.”

I have lived in Providence since I moved here for school in 2009. Rhode Island is my home. We live in a diverse community, and diversity is our strength. I do not wish to celebrate holidays that reference a divisive and violent past.

I support the change because I think we have so many amazing things to celebrate in Rhode Island with a holiday name that can bring us all together in remembrance while building a more peaceful future for everyone.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eliza Squibb', written in a cursive style.

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