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By: **Senator Ellis**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Urging the Renaming of the Town of Indian Head

FOR the purpose of urging the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Indian Head to rename the Town.

WHEREAS, The Town of Indian Head, located in Charles County, Maryland, was incorporated in 1920; and

WHEREAS, The Town received its name due to the strong presence of indigenous persons in the late 17th century, specifically of the Algonquin tribe; and

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has an interest in respecting the rich cultural history of indigenous persons; and

WHEREAS, It is likely that the name of Indian Head may be deemed offensive to indigenous persons; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the General Assembly urges the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Indian Head to change the name of the Town in order to better reflect the State of Maryland's respect of indigenous history, culture, and persons; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Indian Head; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Services to the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor of Maryland; the Honorable William C. Ferguson, IV, President of the Senate of Maryland; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates.

