

Town of Wenham

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Select Board and Town Administrator

On October 9, 2023 we honor and celebrate Indigenous peoples across our commonwealth and specifically in Wenham. We honor and celebrate their contributions past, present and future.

WHEREAS the Pawtucket people migrated into Essex County between 750 and 1000 years ago, and

WHEREAS the first English families to settle in Wenham chose a site near land that the Pawtucket had already cleared for planting corn, along a trail that connected their villages of Agawam (Ipswich) and Naumkeag (Salem), and

WHEREAS Indigenous people lived and worked in Wenham as late as the 1680s, and

WHEREAS the heirs of Quonopkonat, also called Masconomet, deeded the land occupied by the town of Wenham to the Town in 1700, and

WHEREAS Wenham soldiers went to war against various Indigenous peoples at different points during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Select Board of Wenham, Massachusetts, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, do hereby acknowledge October 9, 2023 as “Indigenous Peoples Day” and this day will be a time to reflect upon the struggles of Indigenous peoples in our Country, and to celebrate their cultures and values.

2023 Indigenous Peoples Day

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