

Select Board

Town Of Hamilton, Massachusetts

Proclamation of Indigenous People's Day

Whereas, the second Monday in October is recognized as a Federal Holiday; and

Whereas, Columbus Day recognizes the October 12, 1492 landing of Christopher Columbus on an island in the Caribbean, identifying the Europeans as having the first contact with the "New World" and

Whereas, Indigenous People were in fact existing inhabitants of the "New World" when Columbus arrived; and

Whereas, we in Hamilton live on land formerly occupied by Indigenous People; and

Whereas, we acknowledge and honor the contributions made by the Indigenous People to assist the earliest European settlers of Hamilton; and

Whereas, we specifically honor the Pennacook/Pawtucket Tribes and their Sagamore Masconomet, who valued the beauty of land over all other possessions; and

Whereas, we pay our respect to the ancestral bloodline of the Massachusett Tribe, including all related bands and tribes, and their descendants who still inhabit historical Massachusett Tribe territories to this day; and

Whereas, we as a community value all cultures.

Now, therefore, the Select Board of Hamilton, Massachusetts do hereby acknowledge each October 12 shall be known as "Indigenous People's Day", and this day will be a time to reflect upon the history of Indigenous People in our country, and to celebrate their culture and values; and to specifically acknowledge the Pennacook / Pawtucket Tribe of Northeastern Massachusetts and their Sagamore Masconomet.