

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Malden recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas are native to these lands; and

WHEREAS, the City of Malden recognizes, values and celebrates the many contributions made to our community, our Commonwealth and our country by Indigenous Peoples now and throughout our history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Malden, in an effort to promote truth, healing, reconciliation, redress and justice, recognizes and acknowledges the ongoing trauma and historical harms, acts of genocide, and violations of human rights of Indigenous People; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to honor our local Massachusetts Tribal heritage and our national Indigenous roots, history and contributions; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts State Legislature passed a bill providing for the creation of a special commission to make recommendations for a new or revised state seal and motto, thereby reflecting growing momentum within both state and local government to redress the harm to Indigenous peoples caused by the promotion of false histories; and

WHEREAS, the City of Malden is one community open to all; that celebrates and welcomes everyone; that is dedicated to promoting equity and justice in our City; and that is committed to policies and practices that seek to end systemic racism and discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Gary Christenson, Mayor do hereby proclaim that:

1. The **second Monday** of **October** henceforth be commemorated in Malden as Indigenous Peoples Day; and
2. The City of Malden recognizes the position of Indigenous Peoples as native to these lands and that Malden is indigenous land; and
3. The City of Malden celebrates and honors the foundational contributions of indigenous peoples to the history of our city, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and our country; and
4. The City of Malden encourages our public schools to observe Indigenous Peoples Day with appropriate instruction to celebrate the culture, diversity, and history of Indigenous Peoples.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the City of Malden this 16th day of September in the year two thousand twenty-one to be affixed.



GARY CHRISTENSON, Mayor
City of Malden, MA

