

**TOWN OF CHELMSFORD
PROCLAMATION
Indigenous Peoples' Day – October 11, 2021
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**

- WHEREAS,** Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and
- WHEREAS,** The United States endorsed the United Nations Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People on December 16, 2010; and
- WHEREAS,** A growing number of cities and towns in the United States have recognized the second Monday of October as "Indigenous Peoples' Day", re-imagining Columbus Day as an opportunity to celebrate indigenous heritage and resiliency; and
- WHEREAS,** The Town of Chelmsford recognizes the historic, cultural, and contemporary significance of Indigenous Peoples of the lands that also became known as the Americas; and
- WHEREAS,** The Town of Chelmsford recognizes it was founded and built upon lands first inhabited by Indigenous Peoples of this region and acknowledges and honors these members of the community; and
- WHEREAS,** The Town of Chelmsford values the many contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and the deep cultural contribution that has shaped the character of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE we, the Select Board of the Town of Chelmsford, do hereby proclaim the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Signed this 4th day of October 2021:



Patricia E. Dzuris
Town Clerk

Select Board