

## **Article 12: BYLAW AMENDMENT/CHANGING COLUMBUS DAY TO INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

The purpose of this article is to update the town's holiday list in accordance with the Select Board's proclamation on 1/25, changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day. It is important that this be a complete changeover, not a dual holiday, as the two are antithetical to each other. Therefore, we strongly recommend not labeling Indigenous Peoples Day as "formerly Columbus Day". If explanation is necessary, we recommend "second Monday in October" as the explanation, although since no other holidays are explained in the bylaws, no explanation may be necessary. Referencing Columbus Day would impede the complete changeover and detract from its significance.

## **Article 13: BYLAW AMENDMENT/ADDING JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY TO HOLIDAYS**

The purpose of this article is to update the town's holiday list with Juneteenth, because it was added at the State level.

## **Article 85: RESOLUTION/ACKNOWLEDGING NATIVE LANDS**

The purpose of this article is to ask Town Meeting to support the reading of land acknowledgements at the beginning of public meetings. It is an encouragement, not a mandate. Each body can and should decide when and how often to voice this acknowledgement, but we recommend that it be regular, not ad hoc. The text provided was authored by Faries Gray, sagamore of the Massachusetts tribe. As such, it bears legitimacy and the support of the people it acknowledges. Land acknowledgements are particularly relevant to local governments, whose jurisdiction is directly tied to land boundaries nearby.

## **Article 86: RESOLUTION/CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

The purpose of this article is to encourage Town Meeting to voice their support for the Select Board's proclamation on 1/25. Celebrating Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday in October will be new for Arlington this year, and we want to make sure we do it with as much support and awareness as possible. The AHRC will be working with Native American residents and representatives, as well as allies, schools, and other bodies, to develop an informed celebration.