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Dear Honorable City Council,

We are submitting a resolution honoring the Naumkeag and Pawtucket bands of the Massachusetts Tribal Nation and the contributions that they have made to Beverly and to the entire Northeastern Massachusetts region. Additionally, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Thomas Green of the Massachusetts Tribe for his assistance in crafting this resolution.

Sincerely,

Julie Flowers, Council President

Hannah Bowen, Councilor at Large

Brendan Sweeney, Councilor at Large

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Whereas, the Naumkeag and Pawtucket bands of the Massachusetts Tribal Nation were the original Indigenous inhabitants of the land that is now known as northeastern Massachusetts, including the City of Beverly.

Whereas, the Pawtucket lived in the area that is now known as northeastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. They were primarily fishermen, farmers, hunters, and gatherers.

Whereas, the Naumkeag – a seasonally migrational people – built summer dwellings along the shore called wetu that lined the area that is now known as southern Essex County. Their villages were then appropriated by the English Puritan settlers and formed the foundation for the early Puritan settlements of the area that later became the cities and towns of southern Essex County in which we live today.

Whereas, the Naumkeag people did not seek war with the Puritan settlers over the appropriation of their villages, but rather, treated them with kindness, sharing with them the secrets of a good harvest in the local climate.

Whereas, the Naumkeag and Pawtucket peoples were afflicted with foreign illnesses brought about by Puritan settlers and devastated by the impacts of colonialism, including forcible removal from their ancestral lands.

Whereas, Indigenous people continue to live in and contribute to Beverly and the surrounding region. The Naumkeag and Pawtucket bands of the Massachusetts Tribal Nation are now represented through the Massachusetts Tribe, which is active in partnering with educational and civic groups throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to further educate all interested residents about the true history of the various Indigenous people groups now represented by the Tribe. Additionally, the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness in Danvers “works to preserve Native American cultural traditions; to assist Native American residents with basic needs and educational expenses; to advance public knowledge and understanding that helps dispel inaccurate information about Native Americans; and to work towards racial equality by addressing inequities across the region.”

Therefore, be it resolved that the Beverly City Council acknowledges and honors the ancestral and continued connection of the original Indigenous inhabitants to this land: the Naumkeag and Pawtucket bands of the Massachusetts Tribal Nation.

Furthermore, be it resolved that the Beverly City Council recognizes our obligations to this land: to better environmental care and stewardship, to which the Indigenous people who have cared for it have long called us.

Furthermore, be it resolved that the Beverly City Council is committed to measurable action towards diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging.

Furthermore, be it resolved that the Beverly City Council pledges to invite and uplift the voices of Indigenous people in our community and in our area, as well as to work in partnership with Indigenous communities in our area to build relationships, foster deeper understanding, and work toward justice and equity in our community.

The Beverly City Council hereby orders that the City Clerk spread a copy of this Resolution upon the City records.

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