

TOWN OF CHELMSFORD
PROCLAMATION
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Chelmsford acknowledges that its land, upon which the government buildings, town common, and libraries are situated, is the traditional and ancestral territory of many diverse Indigenous Nations and we strive to honor these peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chelmsford acknowledges the painful history of genocide and forced removal from this land, now known as Chelmsford, and we honor the Indigenous peoples still connected to this land on which we live, work, and learn; and

WHEREAS, this area comprises in part, the homelands of the Pawtucket-Pennacook-Abenaki, and their close neighbors the Massachusett and Nipmuc peoples; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Chelmsford extends our deep respect to citizens of these Nations who live here and elsewhere today and their ancestors who have lived here for generations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Chelmsford formally recognizes, expresses appreciation for, and honors the Indigenous Peoples who have an historic relationship with the lands of the Town; and

FURTHER, The Chelmsford Select Board respectfully recommends positive action on this proclamation by residents, local businesses, educators, community and faith-based organizations, town employees, town boards, and town committees.

Signed this 14th day of March 2022



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