



Town of Mansfield

*A Resolution Redesignating the Second Monday in October Each Year to be
Indigenous People's Day in the Town of Mansfield*

WHEREAS, Indigenous People of Mansfield, as in all parts of the Americas, have a rich and vibrant living tradition worthy of celebration by all communities of the world; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous People of Mansfield, as in all parts of the Americas, have endured centuries of discrimination, exploitation and genocide; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield encompasses the historic homelands of Indigenous Peoples including the Nipmuc, Pequot, and Mohegan Nations; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Town of Mansfield by non-Native settlers was facilitated by unjust war and expropriation of these Indigenous communities; and

WHEREAS, facing and acknowledging our past, good as well as bad, makes our community stronger and more resilient;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD:

1. That the second Monday in October of each year be Indigenous Peoples' Day.
2. That on the second Monday in October of each year the Town of Mansfield will support events that encourage understanding and appreciation of Indigenous Peoples, their traditions, cultures and our shared history on these ancestral lands.
3. That at all times the Town of Mansfield will seek to encourage all educational institutions within the Town to implement accurate curricula relevant to the traditions, history, and current issues of Indigenous Peoples.
4. That the Town of Mansfield will direct the Town Manager to work with Town departments, the Mansfield Human Rights Commission, the Mansfield Historic Society and other appropriate partners to explore opportunities to commemorate and recognize in our public spaces the historic and current presence of Indigenous Peoples in Mansfield.
5. That, in all of these efforts, the Town of Mansfield will work together in partnership with Native Americans and Indigenous communities.

This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this twenty-fifth day of January in the year 2021.



Antonia Moran
Mayor, Town of Mansfield