



Town of Orono

A Resolution Acknowledging the Historic and Contemporary Indigenous Presence in Orono

WHEREAS, the Town of Orono recognizes that it is located on lands and waters in the homeland of the Penobscot people, where issues of water and territorial rights, and the encroachment upon sacred sites, are ongoing.

WHEREAS, the Penobscot homeland is connected to other Wabanaki Tribal Nations – the Passamaquoddy, Maliseet, and Micmac – through kinship, alliances, and diplomacy.

WHEREAS, the Town of Orono is the only municipality in Maine named for a Wabanaki leader and has a historic relationship with Penobscot Nation and other Wabanaki Tribal Nations.

WHEREAS, the Town of Orono recognizes that the Penobscot Nation and other Wabanaki Tribal Nations are distinct, sovereign, legal and political entities with their own powers of self-governance and self-determination.

NOW THEREFORE, the Town of Orono ordains the following:

To act in recognition of and consultation with the Penobscot Nation and the Wabanaki Tribal Nations in cases of tribal sovereignty arising in the lands and waters of Orono.

To acknowledge the history and continued occupancy of Orono by members of the Penobscot Nation and the Wabanaki Tribal Nations.

To respect the wishes and prerogatives of the Penobscot Nation and the Wabanaki Tribal Nations in the manner that Orono presents and represents symbols, images, and messages relating to the Penobscot Nation, Chief Orono, and the shared history of the town and Penobscot Nation and Wabanaki Tribal Nations.

Adopted by the Orono Town Council by virtue of the passage of Council Order #21-104 on June 14, 2021.