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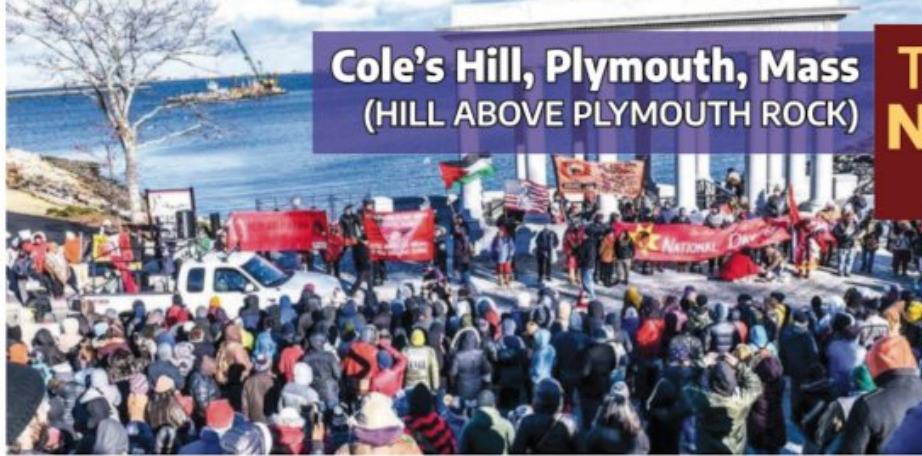
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NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING 2021

Cole's Hill, Plymouth, Mass
(HILL ABOVE PLYMOUTH ROCK)

Thursday
NOV 25
12 NOON



SO LONG, COLUMBUS: Boston proclaims Indigenous Peoples Day

**By United American Indians
of New England**

Oct. 6 – The Acting Mayor of Boston, Kim Janey, has today signed an Executive Order declaring that the second Monday in October will be Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Boston, replacing Columbus Day and setting out a roadmap for future administrations to improve relations with Indigenous tribes and organizations.

Boston Mayor Janey has listened to Indigenous people and taken action today. Recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday in October is necessary to bring awareness of the true history of Columbus and to honor the Indigenous history of the Americas and Boston as well as the Indigenous peoples who continue to live and work in and contribute to the City of Boston.

Elizabeth Solomon of the Massachusetts Tribe at Ponkapoag remarked: "The people of the Massachusetts Tribe have been a part of what is now called Boston for over 10,000 years. For far too long, the Indigenous history of this place has been obscured, and frequently erased, by the histories, myths and priorities of the dominant culture.

"We are happy to see the City of Boston take the important step of recognizing and celebrating Indigenous peoples in Boston, the Americas and around the world. Many thanks to Mayor Janey

and the many members of her administration who worked with the Indigenous community to make this happen."

Kimimilasha James, an Aquinnah Wampanoag youth leader with United American Indians of New England (UAIINE), said: "As someone who was born in Boston but never felt that Indigenous people were welcomed by the city government, I am very happy about Mayor Janey's actions today. Indigenous Peoples Day brings a positive message about Indigenous survival and resilience in the face of genocidal actions directed against Indigenous peoples since 1492. It's a day to learn about and celebrate Indigenous history and contemporary Indigenous peoples and cultures.

"And it is just a first step for the city to begin to build relationships with Indigenous people and begin to address the many injustices faced by Indigenous people here in Boston and elsewhere. It is time for us to stop being largely ignored and erased."

Gloria Colon, outreach coordinator for the North American Indian Center of Boston (NAICOB), said: "As a First Nation Migmaw mother, I am pleased that the City of Boston is honoring Indigenous Peoples Day. Growing up in Dorchester I experienced racism, I was targeted just for being Indigenous. While our city still has work to do to make all

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