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PROGRAM Saturday, 8/6/22		PROGRAM Sunday, 8/7/22	
MAIN STAGE	HISTORY TENT	MAIN STAGE	HISTORY TENT
10:00 am <b>Opening</b> David Brule, Robert Peters, Justin Beatty Wicozani & Black Hawk Singers		10:00 am <b>Opening</b> David Brule, Robert Peters, Justin Beatty Wicozani & Black Hawk Singers	
11:00 am Kingfisher Singers	11:00 am <b>David Brule</b> Archaeology and Healing at The Falls 1676-2022	11:00 am Kingfisher Singers	11:00 pm <b>Evan Pritchard</b> Mapping Ancient Sites in Western Mass Trails, Villages, Portages, Water Falls, Petroforms
12:00 noon <b>Tom Porter</b>		12:00 noon <b>Tom Porter</b>	
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<sup>3:00 pm</sup> Tom Porter		3:00 pm Social Dancing/Drums	
4:00 pm Social Dancing/Drums		4:00 pm <b>Keith Secola</b>	
		Schedule may be subject to change.	
6:00 pm <b>Keith Secola</b>		Nolumbeka Project TRIBAL HERITAGE	nolumbekaproject.org

## **RECONCILIATION AGREEMENT**

between the Town of Montague and the Narragansett Tribe May 19, 2004

In the spirit of peace, healing and understanding we come together on this date of May 19, 2004, to acknowledge the tragic events that took place on the shores of this river May 19, 1676 and thereby begin to put the traumatic echoes of the past to rest.

It is chronicled that in 1676, Narragansett Chief Sachem Canonchet, in the midst of war, organized the refugee villages for the women, children and elderly at the Falls. In his absence, they were attacked and hundreds were killed. In 1996, in the spirit of Canonchet, the Narragansett returned to the ancient land of their relatives, the Pocumtuck, to assist the protection of the ancient and war burials at Wissatinnewag. In recent weeks, the village of Turners Falls has requested of the Medicine Man of the Narragansett a ceremony of spirit healing and reconciliation. That request is honored here today.

For thousands of years, the area of and around the Great Falls was a place of peace where all were welcome. This area served as a focal point for diplomacy and exchange, particularly during the harvest of the shad and salmon migrations.

As we exchange gifts, ideas and good will today, we commit to a future that will continue the exchange of actions to promote understanding about and between the cultures, increase mutual vigilance for historic preservation, and deepen our appreciation for the rich heritage of the indigenous peoples of our region and all who have found respite, sanctuary and welcome here.

Patricia Allen Julia Allen Ross allen Patricia Pruitt Patricia L

Chairperson Montague Board of Selectman

Monique Fordham - President Monaya Jordham Howard Clark Friends of Wissatinnewag

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Matthew "7th Hawks" Thomas Narragansett Chief Sachem Matter - 1 her

Narragansett Medicine Man Lloyd "Running Wolf" Wilcox



In the spirit of the Reconciliation Ceremony, which took place here at Unity Park on May 19, 2004, the Pocumtuck Homelands Festival is committed to being a place where everyone belongs. This is only truly possible when our visitors, volunteers, and staff recognize and honor one another with dignity and respect. We have no tolerance for any acts of harassment or harmful behavior. Your words and actions matter. Thank you for keeping the Pocumtuck Homelands Festival a safe and welcoming space for all.



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