

RE-Elect Donna Loring
Penobscot Nation
Tribal Representative

Dear Tribal Members,

I am honored to be your Representative in the Maine State Legislature. I have served you honorably for almost ten years. I stand on my record.

During those years we have had some tremendous successes and some painful failures. This past legislative session saw a bill submitted by the Tribal State Work Group (TSWG) fail. This bill would have made changes to the Settlement Act that the tribes have been wanting for years. (The Settlement Act favors the State of Maine and has been used continuously to erode our sovereignty.) This Tribal State Work Group was first created by executive order of Governor John Baldacci at the request of The Maine Indian tribal State Commission (MITSC).

MITSC was given the responsibility to facilitate it. The TSWG later was continued by a Joint Resolution of the Legislature. This allowed the work group to have a Senate and House Chair. MITSC provided staff and facilitated the meetings.

It was my position that the Penobscot Nation should spend its time and resources working to terminate the Settlement Act rather than to convince the legislature to change it. I did not support this work group nor did I participate in it. I saw the effort as a huge waste of tribal resources and staff time. I also saw it as a diversionary tactic to take away our attention from what we should be doing which was figuring out how to eliminate or abrogate the Act. We wasted almost two years on this effort.

Then to top it all off this bill came on the heels of the slots bill. The slots bill was defeated by the stroke of a pen by Governor Baldacci. The House failed to override the veto by two votes and he interfered with the legislative process when I asked for the bill to be held. He intimidated the Majority leader into letting the bill go and thereby killing it. **This Governor is not our friend and he is in office for two more years.**

We did have one success and that was a bill I sponsored that would eliminate the Bingo fee. The fee was not eliminated but was decreased to \$25,000 dollars for 08 and \$25,000 dollars for 09. The fee is normally \$50,000 a year. A small victory.

We need an experienced Representative in Augusta. We need someone who knows what's going on and someone who understands what is happening. We need someone who can cut through the political fog with laser precision. I am that person; I have the experience and the necessary legislative knowledge.

**I have and always will protect the Sovereignty of our Nation.
Please vote for me on September 13th**

Dear Tribal Members,

I am asking for your vote on September 13th. I have served the Penobscot Nation honorably and proudly for almost a decade.

I have served five terms as the tribal Representative and have been highly effective.

Highlights:

- Written and sponsored the Maine Indian History Act, an Act that requires Maine Indian History to be taught in all of Maine's public schools. It is now law.
- Established the first 'State of the Tribes Address' where the Chiefs formally addressed a Joint Session of the Maine State Legislature. Our voices were heard simultaneously over radio and television Statewide for the first time in Maine history.
- Cosponsored the Offensive names bill a bill that removed the "S" word from State maps and public places.
- Sponsored a resolution to support the United Nations Resolution recognizing Indigenous Rights. This sets the stage for Maine to be held accountable at the United Nations and throughout the World.
- Sponsored a bill that was passed into law to reduce the Penobscot Nation Bingo fees for two years from \$50,000 dollars a year to \$25,000 dollars for 08 and 09.
- I have written a permanent record in the form of a book titled "In the Shadow of The Eagle a Tribal Representative in Maine. No other Tribal Representative has left a written record of inside legislative events. It is a testament to our unequal treatment.

We have struggled for economic equality and have been denied the tools.

The same individual, Governor John Baldacci, who has denied us economic equality at every turn, will be in office for the next two years. This Governor is not our friend. He is making appointments of his cronies in influential places and making sure his legacy of economic inequality is carried on.

We need an experienced knowledgeable Representative in the Legislature during this time, one that can understand these transitions and can cut through the political smoke screens. We need to see clearly the possible effects of his actions on our tribe. I will work closely with the Chief and Council to keep them informed of these changing events. We need to be prepared.

I fully support the decision of our tribal Chief to cut ties with the State. I have also stated that we need to terminate the Land Claims Settlement Act as it is being used to erode our sovereignty through State Court decisions.


I further support the withdrawal of our members from the Maine Indian Tribal State Commission. MITSC is a creature born from the Settlement Act and was created by the Maine Implementation Act. Even though it has Indian in its title that does not make it a tribal entity. If we return to MITSC we return to the State and the Settlement Act.

I have and always will protect the sovereignty of the Penobscot Nation over and above State, Organizations and Individual interests.

I ask for your vote on September 13th

Woliwoni

Donna M Loring



Dear Tribal Members,

I am writing to ask for your vote on Tuesday November 9th. It is my decision to run for this Council seat in order to continue my service to the tribe. I wish to share my resources and knowledge. I cannot think of a better way to do this then as a member of tribal council. We have many issues to be addressed in the areas of tribal sovereignty, economic development, environment, education, health and social services, emergency services and public safety.

I have served the tribe honorably for eight years (four terms) as the tribal representative and during those years I have acquired an enormous amount of knowledge about the inner workings of the legislature and State government. I have made many friends in the legislature and State government. I am also very familiar with the University system, Judicial system and have countless friends and contacts able to can help us in the private sector.

I know I can be a valuable and effective council member.

There are so many people running for this seat I ask you to please make the effort to vote for me in this primary.


Top 5 Reasons to Vote for Donna Loring:

- **Proven Leadership:** Served 8 successful years, 4 terms, as Tribal Representative
- **Highly Effective :** Sponsored and wrote the Maine Indian history Act. Created and advocated for a State of the Tribes Address before a Joint Session of the Maine State Legislature. First time in Maine History Chiefs allowed to address the legislature.
- **Commitment to Economic Development:** Worked tirelessly on the Casino Issue for the tribe. Had a vision and helped found Four Directions Development Corporations.
- **Experience:** Worked for over 7 years for the Penobscot Nation as Police Chief and 8 years in the legislature
- **Knowledge:** Serves on numerous statewide/university committees that positively effect government policy.

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Donna Loring State Senate District 19



**Please Vote on
November 2nd**



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174 River Road, Richmond Maine
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TEN THOUSAND EAGLES By Donna Loring

*Ten thousand eagles flew that day
across the bright blue sky to meet
the spirits on their way from fiery
smoke filled tombs.*

*They soared above the dark, black,
clouds billowing from the earth and
hovered for a moment there and saw
the face of doom.*

*Ten thousand eagles gathered and
swooped down beneath the clouds.*

*They found the spirits one by one
and plucked them from their plight.*

*They carried each new spirit through
the black and hate filled clouds.*

*They gave them each a shelter
wrapped in warm wings oh so tight.*

*They gave them strength and comfort
too on their unexpected flight.*

*On swift wings they flew towards
their final destination where each
spirit knew without any hesitation
there would be peace and love and
harmony they would forever be
wrapped within the eagles wings
through all eternity.*

*Ten thousand eagles flew that day as
all the world stood still and watched
in shock and horror as the tragedy
unfurled.*

*Now we are left here on this earth
to face the billowing clouds and our
eyes search for the eagles as we say
our prayers out loud.*

*May our spirits soar on eagle's
wings above the dark black clouds
of hatred, murder and revenge that
keep us hatred bound.*

*Ten thousand eagles flew that day as
all the world stood still.*

*The eagles flew above those clouds.
Perhaps some day...we will.*

*Donna Loring
sees the future of
Maine's economy.*



Veteran. Volunteer. Community Activist. A Proven Fighter. ✓

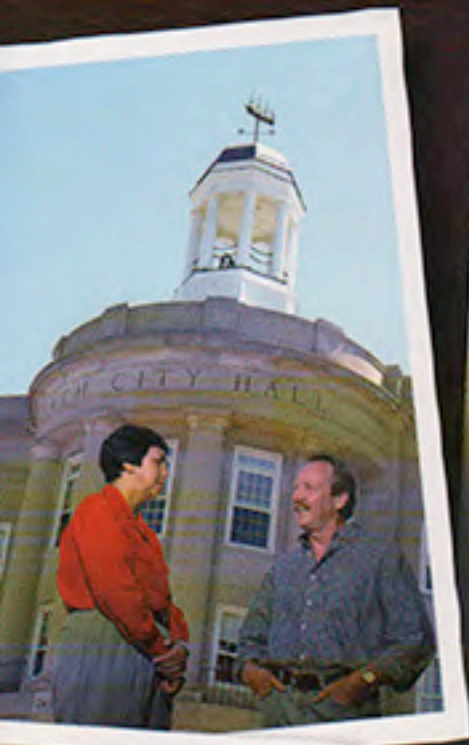
Donna Loring has never been a follower. She's always been a leader. A military veteran. Leader in her community. A fighter for those of us who have never had a voice in government. Elect Donna Loring to the State Senate and she will continue the fight for Maine's working families.

Donna Loring doesn't need a crystal ball to see that the future of Maine's economy depends on educational opportunities offered to our children today.

A Strong Economy Starts With Education ✓

Donna Loring knows the state of Maine will face many challenges in growing our economy. Donna Loring knows that not every Maine youngster can go to college right after high school and people who have recently lost jobs need new training. That's why Donna Loring will support the new Maine Community College system to give more Mainers a chance to learn a skill or trade and find a good paying job. Donna will fight to make sure all of Maine's schools receive the funding they need. In the Senate, Donna Loring will be a champion of education because she knows the economy cannot grow without an educated workforce.





The Challenge of Maine's Changing Economy



Donna Loring knows that healthcare and prescription drugs are becoming too costly for families and businesses. That's why Donna will fight hard to make them affordable for everyone. Donna Loring understands that in order to create a strong and vibrant economy we must all work together. The changing economy can be addressed by partnerships between universities, businesses, and private foundations on the local, regional, and international levels. Working together we can create new, innovative methods to meet the challenge of creating a stronger economy, affordable healthcare, better paying jobs and a brighter future for our children and Maine people.

Fighting for Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Dresden, Georgetown, Perkins Township, Phippsburg, Richmond, Topsham, West Bath, Woolwich.

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***Senate District 19
A proven fighter for Maine.***



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STATE SENATE — DISTRICT 19

*Veteran. Volunteer. Community Leader.
 A Proven Fighter.*



*"I've spent 7 1/2 years in the State House fighting for my community. I want to continue that fight in the State Senate as we work to improve education, research and development, healthcare, veterans' and senior citizens' issues for all Maine people. We need to understand global environmental and economic challenges. We must be proactive and not reactive. Please give me your vote in November for a brighter tomorrow." **Donna Loring***

Accomplishments:

- First Chair of the Maine Commission on Women Veterans; held first ever statewide conference for Women Veterans
- Crafted and sponsored the Maine Indian History Act, signed into law on June 14th, 2001 by former Governor Angus King
- Created FDDC, a tribally governed financial community development institute
- Created the concept and sponsored the first State of the Tribes Address in Maine History
- Graduate of Flemming Fellows Leadership Institute 2001 and Eleanor Roosevelt Leadership Institute 2002.

Experience:

- Penobscot Indian Nation's Representative to the Maine House of Representatives, 1997-2004
- Penobscot Nation Coordinator of Tribal, State and International Relations
- Appointed by Governor Baldacci to the New England Board of Higher Education
- Graduate of Maine Criminal Justice Academy
- 15 years experience in law enforcement
- Director of Bowdoin College Security, July 1992 - March 1997
- Maine Community Foundation Board of Directors
- Vietnam Veteran, Communication Specialist Long Binh, Vietnam 1967-1968
- President, FDDC (Four Directions Development Corporation)
- Member of Advisory Committee, CEI (Coastal Enterprises, Inc.)

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VOTE IN HONOR OF A VETERAN

Representative Donna Loring has announced that the Secretary of State's Office will again take orders for buttons to honor our veterans on Election Day. Maine's **Vote in Honor of a Veteran** program was created as a "Promote the Vote" initiative for the 2000 General Election. Because of the program's popularity, as well as the events of September 11, 2001 and their aftermath, the program continues. It now offers **two** unique ways for individuals to recognize the military service of a friend or relative.

The Button: The **Vote in Honor of a Veteran** program provides Maine citizens with the opportunity to honor those who have proudly served this country in the military by recognizing their important contributions in keeping our democracy strong and ensuring that we can cast a ballot each election day. On Election Day, November 4, 2008, **VOTE IN HONOR OF A VETERAN** and wear a button to the polls declaring your appreciation for the specific contributions of a particular veteran.

The Book: *Maine Remembers Those Who Served* is a collection of tributes to veterans. Covering over 250 years, the book chronicles the contributions of service men and women in all branches of the military, celebrates their selfless dedication and commitment to military service and honors the legacy of their defense of democracy. New tributes can now be added to the book's online version.

To honor a veteran and receive your free **Vote in Honor of a Veteran** button, complete the online order form at http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter_info/veteran/index.html. You



may also contact me at home or by email at ddlb@roadrunner.com to request a button. Make sure you include your mailing address, the name of the veteran you wish to honor and the number of buttons you would like to receive.

A button will be mailed directly to you prior to Election Day, so you may cast your ballot in honor of your veteran. To ensure receipt of your button in time for the election, you are encouraged to place your order as soon as possible.

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2007-2008 SEASON ITS TRAIL MAP

Maine Snowmobile Trails



Courtesy of
State Representative
DONNA M. LORING



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RIDE RIGHT
in Maine



Annually Updated Map of Maine's Statewide
Interconnected Trail System (ITS)