



Wabanaki Confederacy

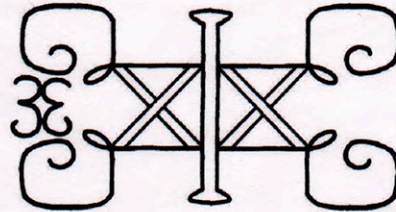
Tribal Representative
Donna Loring



The Great Spirit provided only one form of government to have jurisdiction on Turtle Island. The Confederacies – in respect of all living things; the Earth, the air, the Sacred Fire, the water, the animals, the birds, the fish and ourselves.

The Native People today are concerned not only about their rights as individuals and their respective nations, but also about their survival. The natural way in which we gathered together for political and spiritual strength has been the Confederacy. The tribes have worked together for protection, peace, strength and unity without losing a sense of collective and unified identity. The Confederacy is also strengthened by traditional and spiritual ceremonies have formed the foundation of our unique culture.

Our Confederacy was loosely formed and unfortunately we've gone our separate ways on some of the issues that are common to all Native People. It is most important that we strengthen that bond between the Wabanaki People. While we need to be unified on political issues, it is equally important to draw strength from one another in the ceremonies of this gathering.



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

(area code for all numbers is 207)

TRIBAL

Police	827-7188
Fire	827-6336
Health Clinic	817-7400

HOSPITALS

EMMC	945-7000
St. Joseph's	947-8311

ACCOMODATIONS

HOTELS / MOTELS

Milford Motel	827-3200
Bangor Motor Inn	947-0355
Black Bear Inn	866-7120
Comfort Inn (Bangor)	942-7899
University Motor Inn	866-4921
Days Inn (Bangor)	942-8272

HOSPITALITY

Campsites will be available

WABANAKI CONFEDERACY CONFERENCE

JUNE 21-27, 2008

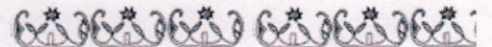
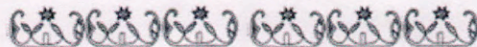
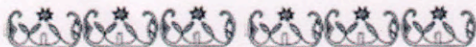
**Powwow
June 28 & 29, 2008**



*Hosted by
Penobscot Nation*

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All Our Relations*

*No Entrance Fee
Donations are greatly appreciated*



SATURDAY, JUNE 21st

12 noon Arrival of Runners
Orientation and Materials
5:00 p.m. **POT LUCK SUPPER**

SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd

5:30 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony –Sacred Fire
GRAND ENTRY – Sockalexis Arena
- Posting of the Flags
12 noon LUNCH – on your own
2:30 p.m. General Gathering –Talking Circle
Men's Wellness Gathering
Women's Wellness Gathering
7:30 p.m. Social Drumming & Dancing

MONDAY, JUNE 23rd

5:30 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony –Sacred Fire
10:30 a.m. Elders Gathering –Talking Circle
Youth Wellness Gathering
12 noon LUNCH – on your own
2:30 p.m. General Gathering –Talking Circle
Men's Wellness Gathering
Women's Wellness Gathering
7:30 p.m. Social Drumming & Dancing

TUESDAY, JUNE 24th

5:30 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony –Sacred Fire
10:30 a.m. Elders Gathering –Talking Circle
Youth Wellness Gathering
12 noon LUNCH – on your own
2:30 p.m. General Gathering –Talking Circle
Men's Wellness Gathering
Women's Wellness Gathering
7:30 p.m. Social Drumming & Dancing

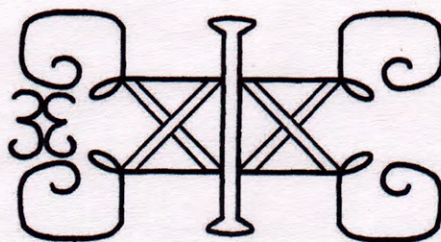
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25th

5:30 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony –Sacred Fire
9a – 4:30p Pre-registration
Hawk Flute Workshop
10:30 a.m. Elders Gathering –Talking Circle
Youth Wellness Gathering
12 noon LUNCH – on your own
2:30 p.m. General Gathering –Talking Circle
Men's Wellness Gathering
Women's Wellness Gathering
7:30 p.m. Social Drumming & Dancing

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**SUNRISE CEREMONIES DAILY
SWEAT LODGE CEREMONY
UPON REQUEST**

**DAILY
BREAKFAST 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
DINNER 5:00 – 7:00 a.m.
Community Building**



***** POW WOW *****

JUNE 28 & 29, 2008

The general public is invited to attend the Powwow between the hours of 12-5 p.m. Most events will take place on the Ball Field In the even of inclement weather the Powwow will take place in the Community Building gym. Please respect the restriction on photography and video taping during certain ceremonies and dances.

**ABSOLUTELY NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL
USE WILL BE TOLERATED**

The Penobscot Nation members, its official and our Tribal Leaders shall be free from any and all liabilities and claims for injuries, damages and theft. We will not be responsible for travel. No collect calls will be accepted.

**ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL BE
POSTED DAILY**

THURSDAY, JUNE 26th

5:30 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony –Sacred Fire
9a – 4:30p Pre-registration
Hawk Flute Workshop
10:30 a.m. Elders Gathering –Talking Circle
Youth Wellness Gathering
12 noon LUNCH – on your own
Noon – 5pm Pre-registration
Gal Frey – Basket making
2:30 p.m. General Gathering –Talking Circle
Men's Wellness Gathering
Women's Wellness Gathering
7:30 p.m. Social Drumming & Dancing

FRIDAY, JUNE 27th

5:30 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony –Sacred Fire
10:30 a.m. Elders Gathering –Talking Circle
Youth Wellness Gathering
12 noon LUNCH – on your own
2:30 p.m. General Gathering –Talking Circle
Men's Wellness Gathering
Women's Wellness Gathering
6:00 p.m. Basket Bingo
7:30 p.m. Social Drumming & Dancing

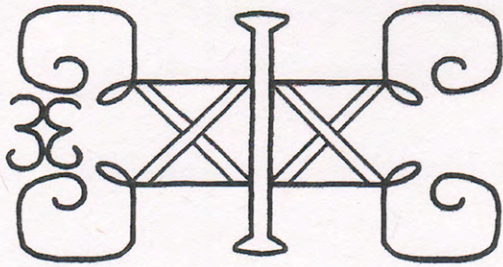
***** POWWOW *****

Drums & Dancers – Roll Call
Grand Entry
Intertribal and Specialty Dancing
DINNER
Social Drumming and Dancing

Sunrise Ceremony – Sacred Fire
BREAKFAST
Talking Circle – Plan fur Future

**GIVE-AWAY EVENT
CLOSING CEREMONY**

Schedule Subject To Change



WABANAKI CONFEDERACY 2008

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Wabanaki Confederacy Council of Chiefs

Resolution No.

**Wabanaki Tribes of Atlantic Canada and the Northeastern United States and,
United Nations Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples**

WHEREAS, the Wabanaki Tribes and Bands of North America are the oldest continuous Governments in the World; and,

WHEREAS, the Non-Government Organization is comprised of all Non-Governmental Organizational entities of the world within the structure of World Countries, the United Nations; and,

WHEREAS, the United Nations definition of Indigenous Peoples of the World recognizes and includes the Governments of the Tribes in America, Canada and other Countries; and,

WHEREAS, in the 1970's a similar UN-NGO Resolution was created by the Wabanaki Tribes to protect them from Tribal Governmental extermination, termination and loss of rights regarding the largest Land Claims in the History of North America; and,

WHEREAS, the results of which caused world attention in influencing and resulting in the Tribal Governments of State of Maine, USA to enter into the Agreements to settle this land claims case which included the United States Congressional promise that, "What has happened in the past would never happen again." and,

WHEREAS, actions taken by the United Nations-NGO officially representing the intentions of each member Country, at the Geneva Conference was a primary influence that made possible the 1980 negotiated agreement, called the Maine Indian Land Claims Act and the Maine Implementing Act; and,

WHEREAS, the history and Tribal governmental relations of North American, Canada and the United States began in the Northeast as early as the sovereign agreements of the 1537 Sic Dilexit and the 1610 Vatican Concordant with the Wabanaki-the Maliseet, the Micmac, the Passamaquoddy and the Penobscot; and,

WHEREAS, these Tribes and Bands in 1980 and 1991 entered into an agreement to resolve the largest land claim in the history of the United States exceeding well over \$25 Billion, removing a cloud of ownership to over 2/3 the entire State of Maine; and,

WHEREAS, this agreement with the United States was also to protect the Maine Tribes from ‘What has happened in the past would never happen again.’ and, be a model for all other Tribes nation-wide to emulate; and

WHEREAS, The Wabanaki Tribes were to received the full benefits, services, programs and the protection of the United States as federally recognized sovereign Tribes to the highest degree of trust fiduciary responsibility; and,

WHEREAS, over the last 28 years, there has been a tendency to drift back to the previous era of suppressive conditions and discriminating practices of the State’s Indian Agent days, including the State redefining the Tribes’ Sovereignty-Jurisdiction-Internal Tribal Matters; and

WHEREAS, misleading elements beyond those negotiated in 1980 have been applied to the Tribes in the State via legislation, courts, and within the application and functions of State-Tribe relations well beyond the scope of the Federal and State Settlement Acts; and,

WHEREAS, over these 28 years, the Trust responsibility and relationship of the United States has been amiss, to such an extent that suppressive laws passed by the Congress apply where beneficial laws do not apply; as well as those same conditions within the State; and,

WHEREAS, the Tribes are victims of the anti-Indian conditions via the general public, the administration and legislative body within the State as illustrated within the last few years in State-wide and Legislative voting as well as statements made within legislature when attempts to cure this problem were introduced; and,

WHEREAS, tax equity of taxes imposed and paid by Wabanaki Tribes and their members have never been research as to what are the Tribes and members buying for this payment, as the Tribes perform all governmental services and duties for its members: and,

WHEREAS, State courts and federal district courts have disregarded the federal act intent and fullest meaning of the definition of Wabanaki Tribes in being federally recognized sovereign Tribes and Tribal Governments; and,

WHEREAS, an independent governmental entity as the United Nations Indigenous Peoples Office be called upon to oversee past issues, concerns, abuses and discriminatory practices that have caused the severe breakdown of trust between the parties; and,

WHEREAS, the Wabanaki Tribes have commenced amending the Maine Implementing Act to reflect the true meaning of the Settlement Act of Rights of Tribal self-governance in the fullest meaning in being a federally recognized sovereign Tribe(s); and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Interior in carrying out the trust responsibilities of the United States in protecting the Wabanaki Tribes is required to intercede and curtail the behavior of any governmental entity imposing their will on Tribes in any form that diminishes the powers of government; and,

WHEREAS, the Wabanaki Tribes cannot continue to maintain such a system that was to be a model for all Tribes nation-wide to emulate, when powers of Government are constantly challenged in the courts of another sovereign and the legislature of another sovereign as the State in corrupting the basic foundation of each Wabanaki Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, this type of suppression reflects in the demographics of our Indian population impacts as the death rates being 47-57 years old, the lack of services, poverty, illness, economics and general welfare of the Tribes as resources are dedicated to ward off infractions and injustices; and,

WHEREAS, the intent of the Administration, the Congress and the Tribes agreed to alleviate existing conditions of years ago in Wabanaki Indian Country as part of the Settlement Agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the Trust Relationship of the Native American Tribes and the United States is seriously compromised and irreparably damaged as a result of insufficient support and involvement in carrying out and supporting essential Tribal governmental functions; and,

WHEREAS, the only solution in government-to-government relations of the Wabanaki Tribes of Canada and the United States is for these Governments to become immersed in supporting the Tribes against all Provincial and State actions detrimental to Band and Tribal Governmental rights; and,

WHEREAS, The United and States and Canada voted against the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples which places enormous doubt on the future of Canada and the United States Government-To-Government relations and their ability to cure a situation where they have been lax and completely amiss in supporting the Wabanaki Tribes to which they agreed would never happen again.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wabanaki Tribes respectively request that the United Nations Non-Government Organizations, the Human Rights Council, and the Organization Of American States intercede on behalf of the Wabanaki Tribes, to immediately commence Hearings, cause a Study and publish a Report and to notify Canada and the United States of their responsibilities in protecting the Tribes of Maine from State legislative or judicial impacts on Tribal governments and to carry out to the highest degree of trust fiduciary responsibility of Canada and the United States in protecting the Wabanaki Tribes; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United Nations Non-Government Organizations, the Human Rights Council, and the Organization of American States report to the United Nations Central Committee, and, the Canadian and United States Legislative, Judicial and Administrative Leaders; and, that the National Indian Organizations be notified of this action with supporting legislation if necessary to meet the fullest meaning of the Wabanaki Tribes being federally recognized sovereign Tribes having all protections, services and benefits without interference from any entity; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United Nations Non-Government Organizations, the Human Rights Council, and the Organization of American States do

everything possible to immediately work with the Administration and Legislative Branches of Government to implement this resolution to ensure,

“What has happen in the past, will never happen again.”

as was a significant part of Canada and the United States Administration and Legislative relationship with the Wabanaki Bands and Tribes, respective Governments; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wabanaki Confederacy Council of Chiefs hereby accept the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as their governmental foundation in the relationship with Canada and the United States, respectively.

Wabanaki Confederacy Council of Chiefs

Resolution No.

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the Wabanaki Confederacy Council of Chiefs.

On this _____ of June, 2008 at the Penobscot Nation, Full Council Room, at Indian Island, Maine 04468, USA,

Presiding Chief

Tribal Clerk

Wabanaki Council of Chiefs, Wabanaki Confederacy, Indian Island, Maine USA