

## TEMPLATE FOR WRITTEN TESTIMONY

### Testimony in support of LD 2007, *An Act to Advance Self-determination for Wabanaki Nations*

To: Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary  
From: (Desiree Thibault, 3142 West Colorado Ave Apt #1, Colorado, 80904)  
BEOTHUK NATION

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Desiree Thibault and I live in Colorado Springs, CO. Today I am testifying on behalf of myself and The BEOTHUK NATION. I am a Dietary Specialist, and I have been studying and applying the implementation of Holistic and Functional Integrative Medicine since 2012. I am Mother, a sister, an aunt, *a partner, and a good Relative. I also practice Restorative and Regenerative Agriculture on a small scale.* I am writing to testify in support of LD 2007.

### **To whom it does concern, and Governor Janet Mills,**

I am writing to you on behalf of the Beothuk Nation in support of passing “Bill LD 2007” regarding the inherent right to self-governance and self-determination of the “Wabanaki Confederacy” in its entirety, indefinitely! I am also requesting the abolishment of the “Doctrine of Discovery” in the State of Maine, and across New England, and all of Turtle Island aka the U.S. I am also requesting the Abolishment of the “Maine Indian Claims Act of 1790.

With respect to the passing of this bill, it would be in the best interest of the Wabanaki Confederacy, and the citizens of New England to come to the reality of the inherent rights of the First Nations that will always inhabit our lands on Turtle Island. As a survivor of the supposed “Extinction of My People”, Loss of Existence, Loss of Homeland, Loss of Identity, Loss of Culture, Loss of Community, and almost complete eradication of my Life and existence. I understand what every First Nation on Turtle Island is going through. For hundreds of years, the systematic Genocide, racism, and oppression of the Wabanaki Confederacy through the U.S. Government has brought nothing but the above stated to these Individual nations. The injustice of not being recognized with many other First Nations that live on our Continent, comes with Genocide and Extinction. WE HAVE THE INHERENT RIGHT TO SELF GOVERNANCE ON OUR LANDS, FOREVER. In good faith I am requesting Sen, Carney Rep, Moonen, and the Judiciary Committee present to pass the motion of “Bill LD 2007. I am ensuring you our Lands, Skys, Waters, Seas, and all of our living Creatures and Relatives will be taken care of by the Original People of New England, the way that our Creator has always meant it to be without external, colonial interference and dictatorship from foreign entities.

**In conclusion, I want to thank you today for giving me the opportunity to share my story with you, and voice my support in the passing of “Bill LD 2007” for the Wabanaki Confederacy. Sincerely, Desiree Thibault**