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LD 395

Hearings for LD 395 and LD 785

LD 395, “An Act to Restore Access to Federal Laws Beneficial to the Wabanaki Nations”

I’m accustomed to a land acknowledgement frequently invoked as an introduction to meetings in Maine. (Here’s an example.)

“The Maine Historical Society (MHS) acknowledges we are on Wabanaki Homelands within the lands and waters of Ckuwapohnakiyik [Ch-ku-web-un-ah-gig], a place stewarded by Wabanaki peoples for over 13,000 years. We recognize the sovereignty of the Abenaki, Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot Nations.”

It is indisputable that the current occupation of Native Land had been achieved with certain inequity. Though falling short of total retribution; tribal agreements in other states have attempted to make amendments in the effort to remedy. Maine needs to address these shortcomings by adopting the proposed legislation.

Please designate the proposal; “OUGHT TO PASS.”

* <https://www.mainehistory.org/about-us/land-acknowledgment/>