

**NARRAGANSETT INDIAN TRIBE**  
**REFERENDUM BALLOT QUESTION**

There will be a Special Referendum Vote held on **Saturday, April 20, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.** at the Narragansett Indian Tribe's Four Winds Community Center, North Building, 4477 South County Trail, in Charlestown, Rhode Island.

**VOTER REQUIREMENTS FOR NIT SPECIAL REFERENDUM VOTE**

A Tribal Member who will be eighteen (18) years of age by the voting day and who is on the current Base Roll is eligible to vote **(MUST PROVIDE A PHOTO I.D.)**

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**The Tribe's policy and tradition on dual membership:** It has been the tradition, governmental policy and lore of the Narragansett Indian Tribe to hold that an avowed and recognized Tribal member has, by his or her declared membership, agreed that he or she is a lawful member of the Narragansett Indian Tribe and no other tribe, band, splinter group or group of indigenous people, and owes allegiance to the Constitution, laws, lore and traditions of the Tribe. This has been long recognized and understood within our Tribe and is the position taken by many other federally recognized tribes. This tradition and policy have both legal and practical underpinnings and purposes. The rights, privileges and obligations of Tribal Sovereignty attach to the Tribe, not to any individual member. The Tribe, as the sovereign, has the right to safeguard and preserve the constitutional objectives of its member-citizenry, its organizational structure and its customary practices and to determine who is or is not a member of the Tribe. Each member-citizen of the Tribe has a fundamental, affirmative obligation to uphold this legacy.

No one is forced to seek membership or declare themselves as members of the Narragansett Indian Tribe. Any person can declare or claim membership in any other separate indigenous tribe or group, whether federally recognized or not. However, if a person or member of the Tribe elects to self-identify with a separate indigenous tribe, group, splinter group or band, that individual has indicated by his or her choice that he or she is no longer eligible and does not have the right to participate in the internal political and/or governmental affairs of the Narragansett Indian Tribe. The Tribe bears no ill will to any person or member who elects to follow this path and will respect that individual's decision. The Tribe expects a person who has made that choice will also respect this Tribal policy and tradition.

**Referendum Question:** Do you affirm that this is, and should continue to be, the tradition and policy of the Narragansett Indian Tribe?

**AFFIRM**

**YES** - (To hold that the above stated tradition and policy of the Narragansett Indian Tribe shall remain the Tribe's tradition and policy)

**NO** - (To abandon this tradition and policy and agree to allow dual membership in other tribes, bands, and groups, or splinter groups and, at the same time, to allow such individuals to participate in the internal political and governmental affairs of the Narragansett Indian Tribe)