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Narragansett Indian Tribe

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To the Narragansett Indian Tribe,

AS the Chief Sachem of the Narragansett Indian Tribe. I am providing an update of activities from 9/19/19 till 9/18/20. The Chief Sachem, Tribal Council, Tribal Directors and staff would like to thank the Tribal Assembly for their continued support during these troubled times due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Over the course of the past year the above-mentioned branches of Tribal Government and Tribal Administration have serviced a record number of Tribal members. We have continually sent out information concerning the Corona Virus/Covid-19 Pandemic keeping the Tribal people informed. Due to the Pandemic we could not have our annual August Meeting/Powwow. In the best interest of public safety, we had to deny access to Schoolhouse pond. We are aware this upset some of the Tribal Public but the majority of Tribal people understand why this had to be done. The Pandemic is not over and we must continue to take the safety precautions seriously until a time is announced when it has run its course.

IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER HERE ARE SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES ONGOING FROM LAST YEAR TO THIS YEAR.

Attended conferences held by the National Congress of the American Indian.

Attended conferences held by the United Southern Eastern Tribes.

Completed the F.Y. 2018 Audit.

In process of completing the F.Y. 2019 Audit.

Continued business discussions with Senator Jack Reed.

Continued business discussions with Sheldon Whitehouse.

Continued business discussions with Governor Gina Raimondo

In process of setting up another meeting with Attorney General Peter Neronha.

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Met with John Kirby University of Rhode Island Dean.

Met with T. Michael Andrews United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs.

Attended conferences with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Still involved in litigation concerning the Opioid Crisis.

Continued litigation on Viaduct project in order to increase land holdings at School House Pond and Camp Davis.

Continued business discussion concerning Haffenreffer Museum.

Continued renovations at Tribal Meal Site.

Continued renovations at Tribal Senior Center.

Continued renovations at Tribal Police Station.

Continued renovations at North Wind building

Continued discussions with Assistant Secretary Department of Interior Indian Affairs Tara Sweeny

Continued renovations Tribal Day Care Center

Continued upgrade of Crandall Farm.

Continued review of Tribal Housing Policies.

Continuing restructuring and reorganizing the Tribal Health Center

Providing nutritional enhancement gift cards for tribal members

Distributing F.E.M.A. boxes of food for tribal members.


Provided numerous updates concerning Covid-19 virus.

Continued evaluating economic development possibilities.

Fulfilled traditional, ceremonial, and cultural obligations for our 345th annual August Meeting/Powwow

on August 1, 2020. The Narragansett Indian Tribe successfully administers 86 different grants and contracts throughout the year. Please consider the fact we have also had to work in the midst of the Pandemic unlike any other in modern times. The Chief Sachem, Tribal Council, and Tribal Administrative staff have worked many hours servicing the Tribal Public to the best of our combined ability. We will have to maintain the current work pace for the rest of the year.

Respectfully,


Anthony D. Stanton,
Chief Sachem