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Dear Fellow Tribal Members.

As the Chief Sachem of the Narragansett Indian Tribe, I am honored to provide this year end update covering the period of December 2023 thru December 2024.

2024 demanding yet productive year, with 2025 promising to be equally if not exceedingly more demanding both administratively and governmentally for the Tribe. I would like to briefly take a minute to recognize the key information and strategy that was at times provided by the Tribal Prophet, Medicine Man, War Chief, Church Board, Tribal Council, Tribal Directors and Tribal Employees, along with valuable input of the Tribal Assembly help keep the Tribe progressing in the right direction. In order to rebuild the Tribe, it takes input and work from many to assist on many levels of business. Now that the C.A.R.E.S. act funding and the A.R.P.A funds have been exhausted as of 2024, the Tribe will have to revert back to the 2019 funding levels. The additional funding allowed more services to the Tribal Members including but not limited to additional burial assistance and additional availability to assist with emergency hardships. Moving forward in 2025, due to the lack of these funds at this time (ARPA/CARES), the Tribe will no longer be able to sustain the services previously awarded in 2023 and 2024. Services that can be afforded in 2025 will be less monetarily as well as frequency. I ask the Tribal Assembly to be patient and understand that there will be a period of adjustments and more administrative coordination.

Moving forward, an announcement will be made on the time of the next Tribal Election. Once that election is completed and sanctioned an additional election for another three council seats will take place in 2026.

Below please find a list of activities that have been completed and/or remain ongoing since last year's update (2023). Said activities are listed in no particular order:

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- Received 15-page letter from the United States Department of the Interior-Office of the Solicitor that asserts that both tracts of the Niles Property are owned by the Narragansett Indian Tribe. Hitherto all further disputes regarding Tribal Properties will be resolved by the Bureau of Land Management-Department of the Interior, no exceptions.
- Received 2nd payment from the opioid litigation.
- Distributed over 1000 food baskets to our Tribal Community in 2024.
- Continued work with the Silver Cloud Senior Citizens for a successful Elder's Day.
- Continuing pursuit of additional land acquisitions.
- Continued litigation on Providence Viaduct Project.
- Continued litigation on Salt Pond.
- Continued litigation on Camp Davis.
- Ongoing work in attempting to comprehend and resolve disputed land controversy with Brown University.
- Continued dialogue with the University of Rhode Island.
- Continued work with United Southern Eastern Tribes on elimination of settlement agreements so all federally recognized tribes can have full reservation status.
- Continued meetings with Rhode Island Governor Dan Mckee.
- Continued having dialogue with Rhode Island Senator Jack Reed.
- Continued having dialogue with Rhode Island Senator Sheldon Whitehouse.
- Continued dialogue with Rhode Island Chief of Police Darnell Weaver.
- Continuing work establishing a fitness gym at the Tribal Police Headquarters.
- Continuing work on the establishment of the Narragansett Indian Construction Company.
- Continued work to establish a Boys and Girls Club on Tribal Land.
- Continued work on the Crandall Farm.
- Continued work on Tribal Broadband Communication.
- Continued work on acquiring Full Tribal Reservation status.
- Submitted Trust Package for two tracts of Tribal Land.
- Continued work on trying to acquire funds for Tribal Court System.
- Continuing work on need for Tribal Housing.
- Worked with the Education Department on successful Nikkomo holiday event.
- Continued review and assessment of the Tribal Health Center.
- Continued work on possible Economic Development plans.
- Continuing work on Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) or Memorandum of Understanding

- with town and state for further Law Enforcement.
- Continuing work on future Comprehensive Plan
- In process of acquiring a new Tribal I.D. Camera with federally approved bar codes.
- Continuing renovations on Tribal Administration building.
- Fulfilled Traditional, Cultural, Ceremonial, obligations for our 349th annual August Meeting,
- Great Swamp Pilgrimage, and our annual October Thanksgiving.

In conclusion I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday Season. As we step into 2025, let us embrace every moment with open arms and a grateful heart, turning obstacles into stepping stones and setbacks into comebacks.

Respectfully


Anthony Dean Stanton

Chief Sachem