



Dear Timothy Carroll,

On September 7-8 2019, The Wampanoag Tribe will celebrate the fifteenth annual Aquinnah Wampanoag Powwow at the Aquinnah circle overlooking the Gay Head Cliffs and southern shore of Martha's Vineyard. Each year, the gathering supports a theme which represents the varying aspects of Tribal lifeways and culture. This year, Sovereignty has been chosen to represent the two-day event. One important part of the Tribe's annual celebration is the honoring of those who serve our Tribal Citizens, country and communities.

On September 7th, 2019 at 2:30p.m., Major Patrick Moran and retired Lieutenant Colonel Anthony Abdal-Khabir of the Massachusetts Environmental Police have been invited to receive an honoring from the Tribe for their efforts towards the recognition of Tribal sustenance rights and practices. The Tribal Council recognizes the efforts and personal interest they have displayed to recognize the sustenance rights of Wampanoag Tribal Citizens.

This ceremony will be followed by a discussion with the Massachusetts Environmental Police, Tribal Natural Resources Department staff, Tribal Citizens and the Island community about the sustenance hunting, fishing, shell fishing and gathering on Tribal lands and beyond Tribal borders. I am inviting town selectmen, shellfish constables, police department representatives and Island conservation partners to be our guest at the Pow Wow to help honor Major Moran and retired Lieutenant Abdal-Khabir and engage in this important discussion.

If you wish to attend, please RSVP to isa@wampanoagtribe.net. Your name will be added to the reservation list and you will receive a day long pass to the Pow Wow from 11:00-6:00. I hope you will stay to enjoy the traditions of the Tribe and engage in this important conversation about Tribal sustenance harvest and gathering.

Please feel free to call me directly with any questions. I hope to see you there.

Respectfully,

Bret Stearns