

The Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe,
Wampanoag Nation

Office of the Chief

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Superfund Records Center
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Dear Ms. Lauterback:

I am writing to you regarding a certified letter that I received from you dated June 17, 2008, regarding the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe Wampanoag Nation and a portion of our land that we have deeded Recognized Title to since the year 1661.

What make this land (Lot 23 Plat 14, Lot 239 Plat 34, located in Cumberland RI) so important is the fact that it was gifted back to myself Wilfred W. Greene "Chief Eagle Hart" and the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe, Wampanoag Nation on 02/07/07.

One or two parcels of our reservation in question have become a superfund site. In researching we know that much of the land set aside for Indians or Native Americans in this great country of ours has become superfund sites. I believe that the responsible parties have an obligation to clean the lands. The towns, cities, states and the federal government should do their fiduciary duties and obligation so as all the people of Cumberland, the state of Rhode Island as well as tribal members and all that would like to be able to enjoy nature and a natural environment may come the land along the beautiful Seeconk or Blackstone Rivers. There may be something that our tribe may be able to do for economic development.

In regards to the allegations that have been made against me and the tribe, it was never sated that we were going to build anything on the lands in question. What was stared was in the future a building may be erected somewhere on the land for those tribal

members to gather. Permission was never granted for anyone to enter upon anyone's land except for land owned by the tribe and the land in question is indeed tribal land (Indian country). Never was permission given for any excavations. Debris was simply set aside such as old rail road ties, dead trees, broken cement which was lying along the path side.

However the Providence Worcester Railroad pushed a lot of rubbish onto the tribes land with a large backhoe. I had received a key for all of the gates from DEM with the exception of the Main Gate key which I was still awaiting. Someone removed one the gates. I am not intending to make any allegations I can only tell you what I believe and know. I have respect for the people and authorities however I believe that some people would prefer for you to believe, we are people of little or no values.

I would invite everyone to sit in our circle of peace and would encourage all to work in harmony. We the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe, a recognized American Indian Tribe, want to cooperate with the E.P.A. for the betterment of the Town of Cumberland and the State of Rhode Island as well as our Country.

Sincerely,



Wilfred W. Greene
Chief Wilfred Eagle Heart Greene

RECORDS
OF THE
COLONY OF RHODE ISLAND
AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS,
IN
NEW ENGLAND.



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JOHN RUSSELL BARTLETT,
SECRETARY OF STATE.

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1856.

RHODE ISLAND
STATE ARCHIVES
337 WESTMINSTER ST.
PROVIDENCE, RI 02903

State of Rhode Island, &c.

161 IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1936.

CHAP 2331

AN ACT

IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 294 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED "OF THE INDIAN TRIBE," AND PROVIDING FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF A SPECIAL HOLIDAY, KNOWN AS INDIAN DAY, IN RECOGNITION OF THE SEVERAL INDIAN TRIBES OF RHODE ISLAND, WHICH HAD SO GREAT AND SIGNIFICANT A PLACE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS STATE.

~~It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:~~

WHEREAS, Particularly during this Tercentenary Year, 1936, it is well for the people of this state to recall those historic events which have contributed to the enrichment of the story of the founding and progress of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, No mention of our early history is complete without a rehearsal of the significant place occupied by the Indian Tribes of Rhode Island, including the Narragansetts, Wampanoags, Nipmucs, Aquednecks and Niantics;

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 294 of the general laws, entitled "Of the Indian tribe," is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sections:

"Sec. 2. The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart a day as Indian Day and recommending that it be observed by the people of this state with appropriate exercises in the public schools and otherwise commemorative of the Indian tribes of Rhode Island, including the Narragansetts, Wampanoags, Nipmucs, Aquednecks and Niantics."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.



508 865 9988

Aug. 12 1999 02:18PM P3

PHONE NO. : 508 865 9988

FROM : NIPMUC TRIBAL OFFICE

REPRESENTATIONS
 JUDICIARY
James H. [unclear] (Ment.)

James H. [unclear]
 PRESENTING SUSPENDED

REPRESENTATIONS
 [unclear]
 [unclear]
 [unclear] Gov.

[unclear]
 [unclear]

April 15, 1996

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Patrick

Presented by
Shirley [unclear]

Read and passed

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 [unclear]
Lawrence J. McCarthy

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
 Received *April 27, 1996*
 APPROVED
April 24, 1996
Michael D. [unclear]
 GOVERNOR.

NOV-19-97 WED 10:29

November 19, 1997

Chief Willie "Eagle Heart" Greene
Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe
347-C Mishnock Road
W. Greenwich, RI 02817

Dear Chief Eagle Heart:

This letter is written to verify that I was present at the Commission on Indian Affairs Office the day that Slow Turtle spoke with you and agreed to reaffirm the existence of the Seaconk Wampanoag Tribe.

The actual ceremony for Recognition and Reaffirmation took place on Saturday, February 1, 1997 at Francis Farm in Rehoboth, MA. The ceremony was officiated by my husband, Slow Turtle who was the Supreme Medicine Man of the Wampanoag Nation.

Sincerely yours,

Burne Stanley-Peters

Burne Stanley-Peters



John Peters
"Slow Turtle"
"SUPREME MEDICINE MAN"
WAMPANOAG NATION

Wilfred (Wim.) Greene
"Eagle Heart"
CHIEF OF THE "SEACONKEWAMPANOAG'S"
Recognize Tribe Wampanoag Nation



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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

JOHN A. PETERS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**RECOGNITION AND REAFFIRMATION
OF THE SEACONKE WAMPANOAG TRIBE**

Greetings:

Please be advised that the Governor's Commissioners on Indian Affairs for the State of Massachusetts have received and internalized The Constitution of the Seaconke Wampanoag, and

Whereas, the Seaconke Wampanoag do declare themselves as a free standing tribe in the Wampanoag Nation, and

Whereas, the Seaconke Wampanoag constituency is made up of their Membership with a goal to attain and maintain the Highest of Values, and

Whereas, the Seaconke Wampanoag indicate a strong desire to do just works for unselfish reasons for posterity, and

Whereas, the Seaconke Wampanoag have authored a bright mission statement which boldly states that they are to rediscover and develop their "Native Heritage" and that they are going "to Reaffirm" that Heritage, now, for their people and as a continuum for posterity.

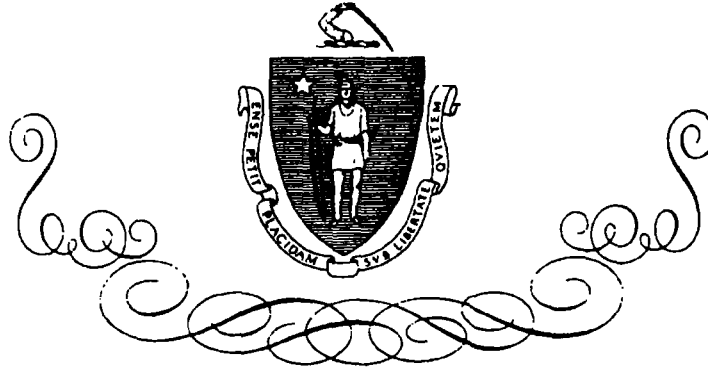
Therefore, in light of all the aforementioned goals and objectives, The Commissioners on Indian Affairs for the State of Massachusetts, do Reaffirm their Recognition of the Seaconke Wampanoag People and are here to celebrate the rebirth of their tribe as part of the Wampanoag Nation on this date, One February, Nineteen-Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Slow Turtle Peters".

John Slow Turtle Peters
Executive Director

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The House of Representatives



Be it hereby known to all that:
The Massachusetts House of Representatives
offers its sincerest congratulations to:


THE SEACONKE WAMPANOAG TRIBE

in recognition of

YOUR FORMAL RECOGNITION AS A MEMBER TRIBE OF THE WAMPANOAG CONFEDERATION.

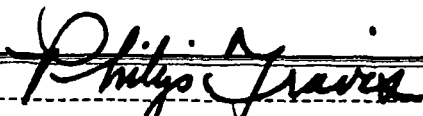
The entire membership extends its very best wishes
and expresses the hope for future good fortune
and continued success in all endeavors.

Given this 1st day of FEBRUARY, 1997
at the State House, Boston, Massachusetts

by: 

Thomas M. Finneran

Speaker of the House

Offered by: 

State Representative
PHILIP TRAVIS



**WILFRED WILLIAM GREENE JR.
CHIEF OF SEACONKE WAMPANOAG TRIBE**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Born: June 12, 1937 in Providence, Rhode Island
Parents: Wilfred and Rita Greene
Nationality: American Indian- Irish descent
Childhood Residence: South Providence
Married: Germaine A. Prevey 1957 St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Bishop Daniel P. Rieley
Children: Rhoda, Desiree, Erin, Stasia, Wilfred III, & John
Grandchildren: *EIGHTEEN*
Great Grandchildren: *EIGHT*

SEACONKE WAMPANOAG TRIBE

1997 Elected Chief of the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe Wampanoag Nation
Chief Eagle Heart

EDUCATION

Attended Providence Public Schools/St. Michael's Church
Graduated Johnson & Wales University 1976, Associates Degree Business Management

MILITARY SERVICE

Army 60th Infantry, Ninth & Tenth Division 1954-1957 Honorable Discharge
Selected Commander's Orderly Twenty Times, Fourteen Consecutively
All Europe Track, Ninth Division
Middleweight Boxing Champion, Tenth Division

EMPLOYMENT

Foxwoods Casino, Poker Dealer
1992-1999

Business Owner
W. Greene & Sons Paving
1957-1992

RECOGNITIONS

In 1976 during the Bicentennial I was chosen by the State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations to represent the Wampanoag during a reenactment ceremony.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Member Board of Directors
of the RI Heritage Hall of Fame.
Member Fraternal Order Of Eagles
Guest Speaker, University of Rhode Island Heffenrefer Museum
Guest Speaker, Veterans Clubs and Organizations
Guest Speaker, Various Schools throughout the State of Rhode Island
Mentor for Educational Programs
Volunteer American Heart Association
Coached Coventry, RI Boxing
Coached Youth Boxing Program, Providence, RI
Volunteer, JONAH, Warwick, RI

BOXING CAREER

Ring Name "Willie Indian Greene"
Known as "Wild Willie"
Member of United States Army All Europe Boxing Team 1956-1957
Awarded Worlds Unlimited Rookie of the Year in 1959
Two Time New England Middleweight Boxing Champion
Worlds 7th Ranked Middleweight fighter

SPORTS

Track
Gymnastics
Member of the YMCA swim team
RI 76 Baseball Team

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Awarded Two New England States Diving Titles, YMCA Competition (1951,1952)
Tenth Division Middleweight Champion in Military



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Patrick C. Lynch, Attorney General

B.C.I.

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION

Date: 6/4/2008 8:57 AM

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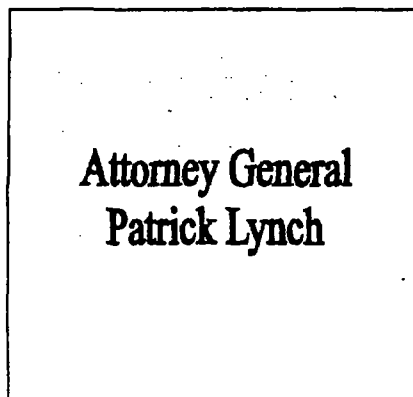
A check of the Criminal History Records of the State of Rhode Island on file with the Bureau of Criminal Identification of the Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General on the above date shows that:

NAME: WILFRED W GREENE D.O.B. 06/12/1937

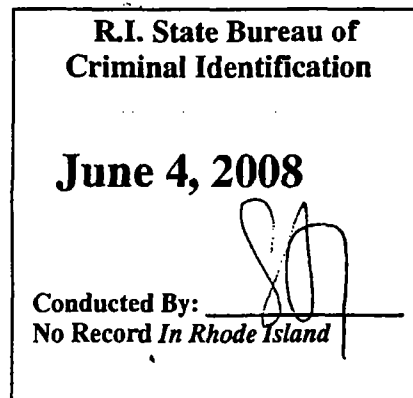
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THIS FORM IS NOT VALID WITHOUT THE SEAL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL



**Attorney General
Patrick Lynch**



**R.I. State Bureau of
Criminal Identification**

June 4, 2008

Conducted By: 
No Record In Rhode Island

NO ADULT CRIMINAL RECORD IN RHODE ISLAND

Poetic Dream

Chief Wilfred Greene of the Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe dreams of their land being a pollutant free place where nature and technology go hand in hand to protect the environment while easing the burden of power costs placed on Rhode Islanders by foreign powers around the world.

A place where the main RI electrical grid that runs along our land is fed by the power of nature; from the wind that blows across the top of our hill turning windmills to the pounding water of the impassible mile long section of the Seaconke River that will become a source of hydro power, this will be a place that eases the power burden placed on Rhode Island businesses and homes.

A place where nature thrives, a kind of natural wildlife habitat and refuge where animals roam and people are free to visit, explore and reflect on the beauty and power of nature and our true place in this world that we live in for such a very short time.

A place where art, industry and the free thinking of reasonable people are encouraged to work in harmony with the land, nature and each other.

A place where recycling is a green industry, and the rail lines that stretch straight for nearly a mile carry recyclable materials in and out.

A place where the smoke signals of old are replaced by developing communication technology further to benefit all of mankind.

A place for our tribe, the Seaconke Wampanoag.

Wampanoag Dream

Making Practical Thoughts a REALITY

SUPERFUND MONEY (short term)

SELL EASEMENTS (short term)

WINDMILLS (long term)

WATER POWER (long term)

RECYCLING PLANT with transfer station (?)

CARD/POKER/BINGO

Announce that we are entertaining offers to construct a meeting hall for the Wampanoag Tribe which will also serve as a high stakes Card/Poker/Bingo hall with sufficient parking.

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AREA

Space available for things that Federal Grant or other money is available for, including but not limited to communications, energy (hydrogen power)

OUTDOOR AREA /PARK/
