

## **Indigenous Acknowledgements for the HAA Board as adopted by the HAA Executive Committee, May 27, 2021**

### **Acknowledgement of Country at HAA Board Meetings and Annual Meeting**

(To be invoked at the very beginning of each meeting)

From its origins, our Harvard alumni community has been anchored and enriched by First Nations people from across the Americas and around the world. The land on which Harvard is situated has been a place of learning for millennia, where First Nations people have passed on their culture, history, and traditions from one generation to the next.

- I acknowledge and pay my respects to the traditional custodians of the place in which we meet, the people of the Massachusetts tribe and their elders -- past, present, and emerging – and honor the land itself, which remains sacred to the Massachusetts people;
- I acknowledge and pay my respects to the Nipmuc and Wampanoag peoples with whom Harvard has a long historical relationship; and
- I acknowledge and pay my respects to all other First Nations elders who are here today.

### **Acknowledgment for HAA Board websites**

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The Board of the Harvard Alumni Association acknowledges and pays its respects to the traditional custodians of the land on which Harvard University stands, the people of the Massachusetts tribe and their elders -- past, present, and emerging – and we honor the land itself, which remains sacred to the Massachusetts people.

The HAA Board acknowledges Harvard's long historical relationships with the Nipmuc and Wampanoag peoples and pays its respects to them.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the thousands of past, present, and emerging First Nations elders throughout the Harvard alumni community.

*“Whereas through the good hand of God many well devoted persons have been and daily are moved and stirred up to give and bestow sundry gifts legacies lands and revenues for the advancement of all good literature arts and sciences in Harvard College in Cambridge in the County of Middlesex and to the maintenance of the President and Fellows and for all accommodations of buildings and all other necessary provisions that may conduce to the education of the English and Indian youth of this country in knowledge and godliness.” – The Harvard Charter of 1650*