



## PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE TOWN OF HULL'S 375<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Whereas, by around 400 years ago the local Wampanoags and explorers started to make their home in what is now Hull Village, with the establishment of a trading post in what was called Nantascot<sup>1</sup>; and

Whereas, Pilgrims visited Nantascot as early as 1622; and

Whereas, in 1643 the various plantations of land, as then so called, which included the area of Nantascot, were divided by the Governor and Company of Massachusetts Bay into shires, with Nantascot placed in Suffolk Shire; and

Whereas, on May 29, 1644, almost 375 years ago today, it was ordered by the Governor and Company of Massachusetts Bay "that Nantascot shall be called Hull"; and

Whereas since that time Nantascot has been viewed as a part of the Town of Hull and that the Town is called Hull; and

Whereas, since that time the Town of Hull has distinguished itself by the actions of the Town and its residents and visitors, including becoming in 1716 the home of America's First Lighthouse; a strategic location for the American Revolution in which Hull played a key part; having a world famous lifesaving crew led by many brave souls, including Joshua James, becoming the basis for the United States Coast Guard; maintaining a world famous beach and bay providing recreational opportunities to all; site of the first baseball game under electric lights; home of Paragon Park- a world famous amusement park- and other amusements; and other accomplishments too numerous to mention; and

Whereas, 2019 marks the 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Hull, leading to months of educational, historical and simply fun events;

Now therefore, be it resolved by this Town Meeting that the Town starts its celebratory events and be it further resolved that all residents and visitors take part in the commemoration of our Town's 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and that all give proper observance of this special time in Hull's History.

May 6, 2019

The Town of Hull 375<sup>th</sup> Committee

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<sup>1</sup> Also spelled "Nantaskot".