

2026 NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING ORIENTATION



WHAT IS NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING?

An annual tradition since 1970, National Day of Mourning is a solemn, spiritual and highly political day. Many of us fast from sundown the day before through the afternoon of that day (and have a social after NDOM so that participants in NDOM can break their fasts). We are mourning our ancestors and the genocide of our peoples and the theft of our lands. NDOM is a day when we mourn, but we also feel our strength in action and solidarity.

WHEN AND WHERE IS DAY OF MOURNING?

Thursday, November 26, 2026 (U.S. "thanksgiving" day) at Cole's Hill, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 12 noon SHARP. Cole's Hill is the hill above Plymouth Rock in the Plymouth historic waterfront area. The rallies and marches will last until approximately 3 pm.

WILL THERE BE A MARCH?

Yes, there will be a march through the historic district of Plymouth. Plymouth agreed, as part of the settlement of 10/19/98, that UAINE may march on National Day of Mourning without the need for a permit as long as we give the town advance notice.

PROGRAM: Although we very much welcome our non-Native supporters to join us, it is a day when only Indigenous people speak about our history and the struggles that are taking place throughout the Americas. Speakers are by invitation only. This year's NDOM will be livestreamed from Plymouth.

-Note that NDOM is not a powwow or commercial event, so we ask that people do not sell merchandise or distribute leaflets at the outdoor program. We will have UAINE t-shirts available for sale following the march.

-We also ask that you do not eat (unless you must do so for medical reasons) at the outdoor speak-out and march out of respect for the participants who are fasting.

-Dress for the weather!

SOCIAL: There will be box lunches available for distribution after the march (turkey and vegan), but we will not have a full sit-down social.

LIVESTREAM: If you cannot get to Plymouth, you can watch our livestream! bit.ly/4AOkjGh

TRANSPORTATION: There will likely be two buses from NYC. Details TBA.

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We will post information about further transportation options at the Facebook Event:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19bteju1GY/>

ELDERS/DISABLED PEOPLE: We have some chairs available for any Elders and others who need to sit during the initial rally on Cole's Hill. We will try to have a couple of cars that can transport people who cannot walk the full march route. (It's not lng, but there are a couple of hills.) We also will have amazing ASL interpreters on-stage.

DONATIONS:

If you wish, you can donate directly to UAINÉ here: <https://chuffed.org/project/116129-united-american-indians-of-new-england-uaine-fundraiser>

But we strongly encourage you instead to donate to other struggles, such as emergency aid for the people of Gaza, Sudan and Congo, food banks and community pantries, and community-centered services and material aid to migrants.

FOR UPDATES: Please join and check out the UAINÉ facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/UAINÉ> for updates on National Day of Mourning this year.

Our website uaine.org will be updated, but not as quickly or frequently. We will also update the Facebook Event frequently as we get closer to November 26:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/19bteju1GY/>

LIVESTREAM LINK: bit.ly/4AOkjGh

SOCIAL MEDIA: UAINÉ on Twitter, Bluesky & Insta: [@mahtowin1](https://mahtowin1)

Please wear a mask! We want to ensure that no one gets sick from attending National Day of Mourning.

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