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Get on the bus – for Nov. 23, National Day of Mourning



Day of Mourning, Plymouth, Mass., Nov. 22, 2012.

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The 48th National Day of Mourning will take place on Thursday, Nov. 23, on the so-called “Thanksgiving” holiday, in Plymouth, Mass. Participants will gather at noon on Cole’s Hill above Plymouth Rock and march through the town’s historic district.

At a speak-out, Native people will tell of their history and the struggles of Indigenous people taking place today throughout the Americas. Non-Native supporters are welcome to come and be in solidarity with them. After the program and march, there will be a potluck social.

United American Indians of New England issued an appeal for supporters to attend the upcoming commemoration: “Unite with us in our struggle to create a true awareness of Native peoples and demonstrate the unity of Indigenous peoples internationally. Help shatter the untrue glass image of the Pilgrims, and the unjust system based on racism, sexism, homophobia and the profit-driven destruction of the earth.” (UAINE.org)

This year, UAINE says, “We will show up in solidarity with Indigenous struggles throughout the world, and especially our relations in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean and Mexico suffering from hurricane and earthquake devastation compounded by colonialism.”

A special message will be given from 73-year-old Native political prisoner Leonard Peltier.

UAINE points out: “Thanksgiving is a reminder of the genocide of millions of Native people, the theft of Native lands and the relentless assault on Native culture.” Since 1970, the organization has planned the National Day of Mourning commemoration on that day. Participants honor Native ancestors and the struggles of Indigenous people to survive today. “It is a day of remembrance and spiritual connection as well as a protest of the racism and oppression which Native people continue to experience.”

This very important annual day of solidarity draws Native people and their supporters from throughout Massachusetts, other New England states and beyond.

Here is information on buses traveling to Plymouth from Boston and New York City.

Boston: UAINE has arranged for a charter bus for Boston-area residents without cars to attend the National Day of Mourning. The bus will board at “the Brewery” in **Jamaica Plain**, 284 Amory St. (near the Stonybrook station on the Orange Line MBTA), starting at 9 a.m, and will depart at 10 a.m. for Plymouth. The bus will leave Plymouth and return to Jamaica Plain at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$15 (below cost). Buy tickets at eventbrite at tinyurl.com/y9q52tze/.

New York: The International Action Center is sending a bus to Plymouth. Meet at 6 a.m. sharp at the Solidarity Center, 147 W. 24 St., 2nd floor, in **Manhattan**. The bus will return from Plymouth at 4:30 p.m., arriving New York City about 9:30 p.m. Purchase bus tickets in advance at the Solidarity Center from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Friday. Tickets: \$30-\$45; sliding scale. Tickets go fast! Buy your tickets now! For information, call 212-633-6646.

(See IACenter.org.)

A bus leaving from **Brooklyn** is being organized by Eritye Papa Desalin. It will leave at 6 a.m. from Radyo Pa Nou, 1685 Nostrand Ave. (between Beverly and Cortelyou roads). Tickets: \$30. For information, call Dahoud Andre at 347-730-3620 or email erityepapadesalin@gmail.com. More information is at UAiNE.org and tinyurl.com/y8zccrag/.