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## **Press Release: Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Appointed for Hassanamisco Tribe**

### **Tribal Leadership Announcement**

#### **For Immediate Release**

**Date:** July 26th, 2025

The Hassanamisco Tribe, a proud member of the Nipmuc Nation, is pleased to announce the appointment of Andre R. Gaines-Roberson as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). Andre is an enrolled tribal citizen of the Hassanamisco Tribe. He is from the Hazard/Ransom/L.W. Henries line and is a highly active community member and culture keeper.

### **Officer's Responsibilities**

Mr. Gaines-Roberson will be responsible for:

#### **1. Preservation Coordination**

- Overseeing all tribal historic preservation activities
- Ensuring cultural heritage protection

#### **2. Regulatory Compliance**

- Reviewing federal and state projects under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)
- Providing expert commentary on potential cultural impacts

#### **3. Record Management**

- Maintaining comprehensive tribal historic property documentation
- Organizing and preserving critical cultural records

#### **4. Community Engagement**

- Collaborating with tribal departments
- Consulting with tribal elders and community members
- Representing tribal interests in preservation matters

#### **5. Intergovernmental Communication**

- Coordinating with State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs)
- Engaging with federal agencies and local municipalities

- Building partnerships to protect cultural heritage
- Works closely with Mashpee and Aquinnah Wampanoag Historical Preservation Offices

## **Reporting and Transparency**

The new THPO will submit detailed bi-monthly reports to the Tribal Council, highlighting:

- Recent activities
- Consultation outcomes
- Important findings
- Upcoming events and tasks

## **About the Hassanamisco Tribe**

The Hassanamisco Tribe continues its commitment to preserving and celebrating Nipmuc cultural heritage through strategic leadership and community-focused initiatives.

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