

Governor LePage Signs Historic Declaration on Indian Island
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INDIAN ISLAND - Governor LePage was on Indian Island this afternoon for an historic declaration signing that could drastically impact the state of child welfare practices with Wabanaki peoples.

The Governor, along with Wabanaki Chiefs and the Maine Indian Tribal State Commission, signed a declaration of intent, committing to conduct a collaborative truth and reconciliation process.

Representatives from both the state and tribes will examine what has happened, what is happening, and what needs to happen regarding Maine child welfare practices with Native American people.

This is the first truth and reconciliation effort within a US territory that has been collaboratively developed between Indian nations and a state government.

In Maine, both parties are represented by leaders with personal experiences in the matter.