

# PROCLAMATION

Whereas: In November 1620 the Mayflower made landfall in what became Provincetown Harbor and the Pilgrims, after living on board the anchored vessel for a month, proceeded on to what became the permanent settlement at Plymouth;

Whereas: The Mayflower Compact was signed aboard the Mayflower while in Provincetown waters and became the governmental foundation of the successful Plymouth Colony;

Whereas: In 1910, The Pilgrim Monument, the tallest all-granite structure in the United States, was completed atop High Pole Hill in Provincetown to commemorate the landing of the Pilgrims in 1620 and the signing of the Mayflower Compact, the New World's first democratic charter;

Whereas: In 1955, to commemorate Anglo-American friendship during the World Wars, the construction of a full-sized replica of the original Mayflower was undertaken in Devonshire, England from plans commissioned by the Plimoth Plantation from naval architect William A. Baker of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

Whereas: The Mayflower II set sail from England on April 20, 1957 and arrived in Provincetown Harbor June 12, having crossed the Atlantic Ocean under her own sails;

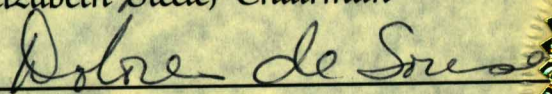
Whereas: The Mayflower II embodies the historic bond between Provincetown, the sheltering harbor first encountered by both Mayflowers, and Plymouth, the sustaining home of the original English settlement and its authentic recreation at Plimoth Plantation;

Whereas: We, the selectmen of Provincetown, fervently reaffirm this bond and hope for the further cultivation of our friendship through numerous visits of the Mayflower II to our harbor;

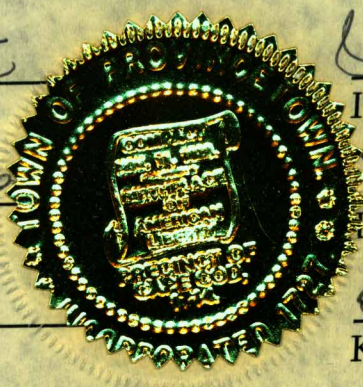
Therefore: Be it known to everyone this day, Friday, June 14, 1991, that we heartily welcome the Mayflower II together with her stalwart captain, John Burke, his crew and passengers, and bid you all a pleasant stay and successful homeward voyage.


Signed by the Selectmen and Town Manager this fourteenth day of June, 1991

  
Elizabeth Steele, Chairman

  
Dolores de Sousa

  
James Jeffers



  
Irene Rabinowitz

  
Lee Robinson

  
Keith Bergman, Town Manager