



Acknowledgement Recognizing November as Native American Heritage Month

The land upon which the Borough of Dunellen stands is part of the traditional territory of the Lenni-Lenape, called “Lenapehoking.” The Lenape People lived in harmony with one another upon this territory for thousands of years. During the colonial era and early federal period, many were removed west and north, but some also remain among the three continuing historical tribal communities of the region: The Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation; the Ramapough Lenape Nation; and the Powhatan Renape Nation. We acknowledge the Lenni-Lenape as among the original people of the land in this region and we acknowledge their continuing relationship with this territory. In our acknowledgement of the continued presence of Lenape people in this region, we affirm the aspiration of the great Lenape Chief Tamanend, that there be harmony between the indigenous people of this land and the descendants of the immigrants to this land, “as long as the rivers and creeks flow, and the sun, moon, and stars shine.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason F. Cilento", is written over a horizontal line.

Jason F. Cilento, Mayor of Dunellen
November 6, 2023