



# National Day of Mourning

Recognizing Native American Perspectives: on Thanksgiving and the National Day of Mourning. To many Americans, thanksgiving represents a holiday of gratitude, heart, and spending time with those you love. However, for over 50 years, Native American activists have commemorated this day to the grief, loss, and prejudice faced since colonial settlement. Understand the forming demonstrations to halt the myths of colonial history and become aware of the different perspectives on this day.





Since 1970, Native Americans have gathered at noon on Cole's Hill in Plymouth to commemorate a National Day of Mourning on the U.S Thanksgiving holiday. Many Native Americans do not celebrate the arrival of the Pilgrims and other European settlers. To them, Thanksgiving Day is a reminder of the genocide of millions of their people, the theft of their lands, and the relentless assault on their culture. Participants in National Day of Mourning honor Native ancestors and the struggles of Native peoples to survive today. It is a day of remembrance and spiritual connection as well as a protest of the racism and oppression which Native Americans continue to experience.

Erected by the Town of Plymouth on behalf of the United American Indians of New England.



Resources:

@rising\_hearts "The Truth You Should Know" Truthsgiving vs. Thanksgiving

