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Membership and Development

**DIVISION 2: Lorraine Wade Division**

**Committees and Development**

- Program 1:** Negro Election Day State Holiday  
Black Heritage Excellence Award
- Program 2:** Educational and Civic Workshops  
and Seminars
- Program 3:** Exhibition Program and Black  
Heritage Center and Museum
- Program 4:** Events, Gala's & Special Events
- Program 5:** Youth Board

**WHO ARE WE?**

Salem United, Inc. June 2020, took on the status of a 501c3 charitable organization, however, was created in 2015. On July 22, 2022 Negro Election Day was enacted into law as a Massachusetts State Holiday.

- **EDUCATE, LEARN & APPLY**
- **SHARE OUR LEGACY TO UNITE**

Motto: Roots & Wings  
Mission: Preserve, Protect and Build

*Preserve its History*  
*Protect its Tradition*  
*Build its Community Engagement and Social Awareness*

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**Membership Open**  
**Accepting Applications**

**Fees \$30.00**

**SALEM UNITED  
INC**



**NEGRO ELECTION  
DAY STATE  
HOLIDAY AND  
FLAG RAISING**

*Holiday Celebrated the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of July  
at Salem Willows Park,  
165 Fort Avenue,  
Salem, MA 01970*

## *Negro Election Day State Holiday*

### *The Evolution of The First Black Voting System*

Prince Pompey, an enslaved African of Royal Blood, was captured into slavery from West Africa, Ghana, sold to Daniel Mansfield of Saugus, MA. After years of enslavement, Prince Pompey began the fight for Black self-governance.

Black King Pompey and other Africans of royal blood used their heritage to establish the First Black Voting System called **Negro Election Day of 1741**

It started with a 2-week election debate process, then a 1-day voter election system followed by a Coronation with the elected winner earning the title of Black King/Governor. Black King Pompey is documented as the first Black King/Governor to earn the title.

Black King Pompey served as mediator and liaison between the enslaved, elected colonial leaders and white slave owners. These Kings/Governors held court trials and deliberated punishment for non-law-abiding enslaved Africans in their communities.

Negro Election Day relocated to Salem Willows Park in Salem MA. Yet, the Northshore was not the only place celebrated; it was observed in Boston; then advanced into RI, CT and NH. It was practiced in Great Britain during the War of 1812 to protect Massachusetts P.O.W.'s. Boston Legislatures

enacted a law to prohibit blacks from meeting on the Boston Common, causing celebrators to travel to Salem, MA where it hails today.

Negro Election Day's history is a powerful story of turning tragedy into triumph, however, the misfortune with this history is, as time endured Negro Election Day's name began to evolve; causing its true tradition to be lost.

Although the name Emancipation Day allowed the history to continue its self-governance status, the use of the name Picnic diminished the legacy of its history and the value of why it's celebrated.

With the return of black voter suppression Negro Election Day's historical rebirth exposed the unmasking of its cultural history.

On July 22, 2022, Governor Charlie Baker of Massachusetts enacted Bill S.2703 into Law establishing Negro Election Day a State Holiday, celebrated the 3rd Saturday in July.



**We thank, the League of Women Voters of Salem MA, Senator Joan Lovely and State D.A. Essex County Paul Tucker for their hard work and dedication aiding in the passing of the State Holiday.**

We could not have done it without you.



### *MISSION AND GOALS*

Salem United, Inc. mission is to **Preserve** Cultural History, **Protect** Ethnic Traditions, And **Build** Through Community Engagement and Social Awareness.

### *PURPOSE STATEMENT*

Salem United Inc.'s purpose is unifying Individuals, Organizations and Companies in bettering our communities.

Our most significant goals are to:

- Increase participation and education of Voter Registration and U.S. Census through our historical significance of the origin of "Negro Election Day", The First Black Voting System.
- Changing the Narrative of Inclusivity of Black History beyond the month of February.
- Build mentorships and collaboration.
- Cultural Access Building
- Cultivate social and community events

**"If they don't give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair"**

*- Shirley Chisholm Former United States Representative*