

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas,** John Cummings (Jack) MacLean, a true “son of Lincoln,” was born and raised in our small town of Lincoln, Massachusetts, and absorbed its historic ethos into his very lifeblood; and
- Whereas,** Upon returning to Lincoln in the early 1980s, Jack began to focus his attention on researching the town’s history, becoming in the process the authoritative resource for any and all of the many inquiries directed his way about the town’s storied past; and
- Whereas,** Jack’s research culminated in the publication of “A Rich Harvest,” a comprehensive history of Lincoln that remains a model for its thoroughness of research and accessibility of prose style; and
- Whereas,** For almost 40 years, Jack has willingly shared his encyclopedic knowledge of, and thoughtful insights about, local history with all who seek to know and understand; and
- Whereas,** Jack’s participation in the life of the town has enhanced the work of the town’s Historical Commission, Historical Society, and Archives; and
- Whereas,** Countless members of the Lincoln community and beyond have been informed, enlightened, and inspired by Jack’s work and his generosity of spirit; and
- Whereas,** Jack reminds us that, every day, the legacy of the past shapes the town we currently inhabit, and can help inform our choices about the kind of community we want to leave to future generations; and
- Whereas,** In 2022, Jack’s long-term volunteer contributions to local and public history were recognized through the bestowal of the Massachusetts History Alliance STAR Award.

*Now, therefore, we,
the members of the Select Board of the Town of Lincoln, Massachusetts,
on this, the 12th day of September 2022,
do hereby convey our highest esteem and deepest gratitude
for the life and work of our Town Historian,*

JOHN CUMMINGS MACLEAN

Jennifer Glass, Chair

Jonathan Dwyer

Jim Hutchinson