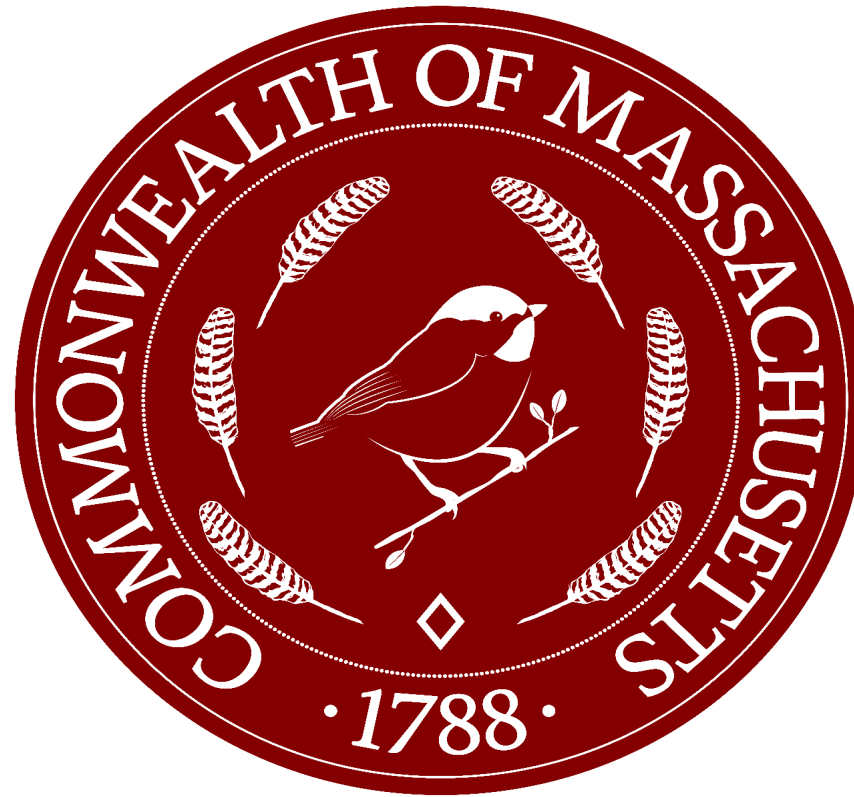


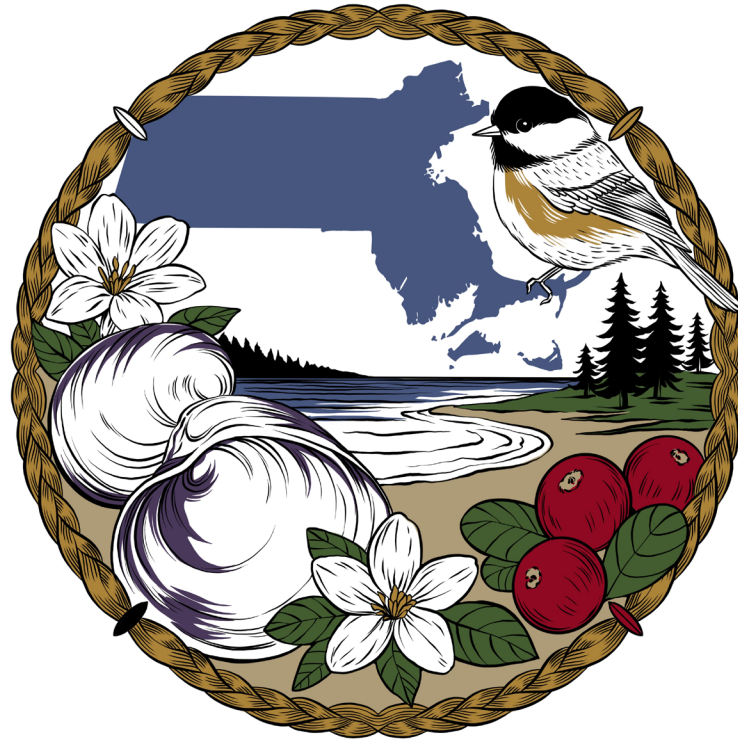
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Round 2 Selections

Seal Selections (23)













Designed by Gabriel Mata



Coat of Arms ›



‹ Flag



Seal One



Seal Two















Keep the flag and seal as is but make one change: Remove the arm and sword over the Native American. Preserve the beauty of this simple white flag.













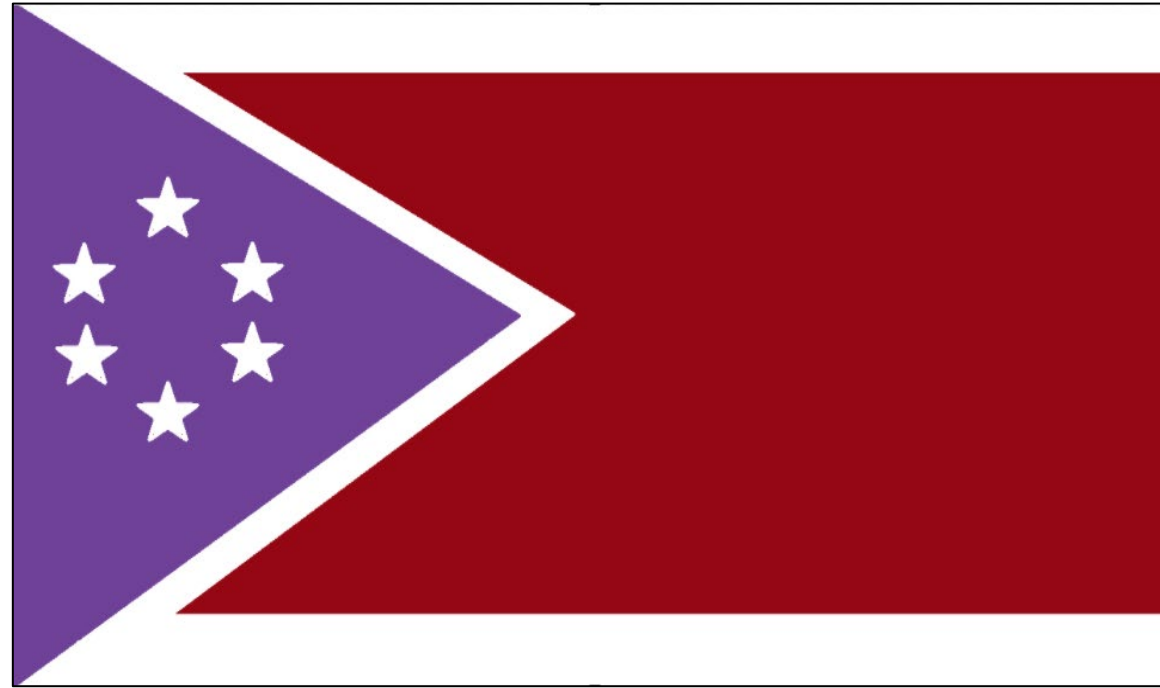


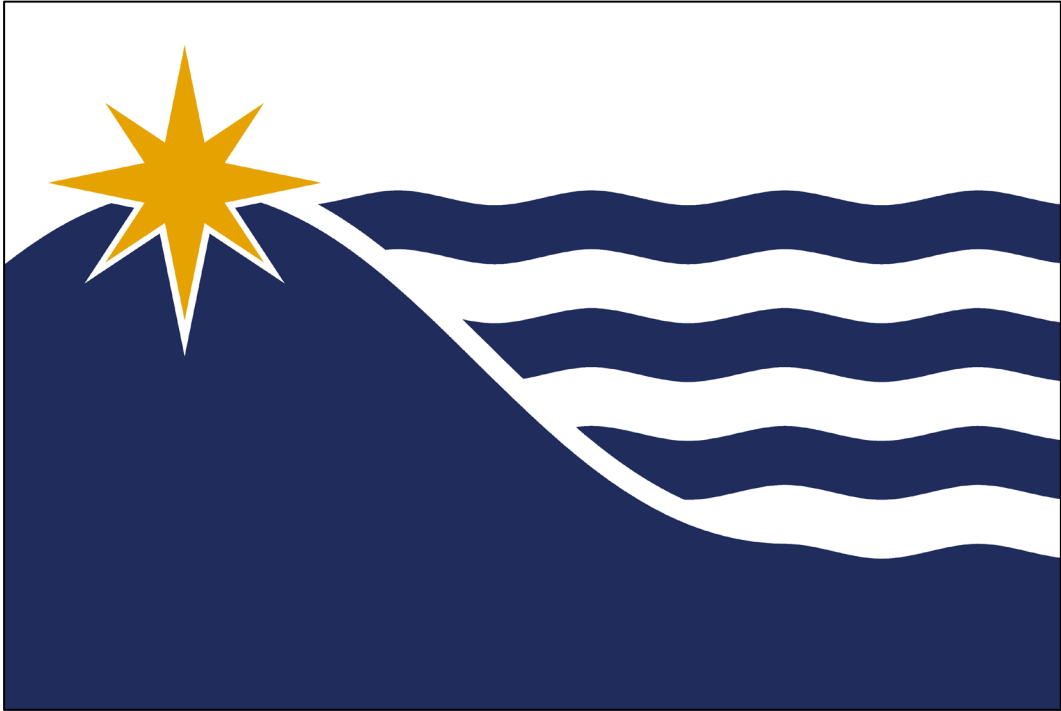


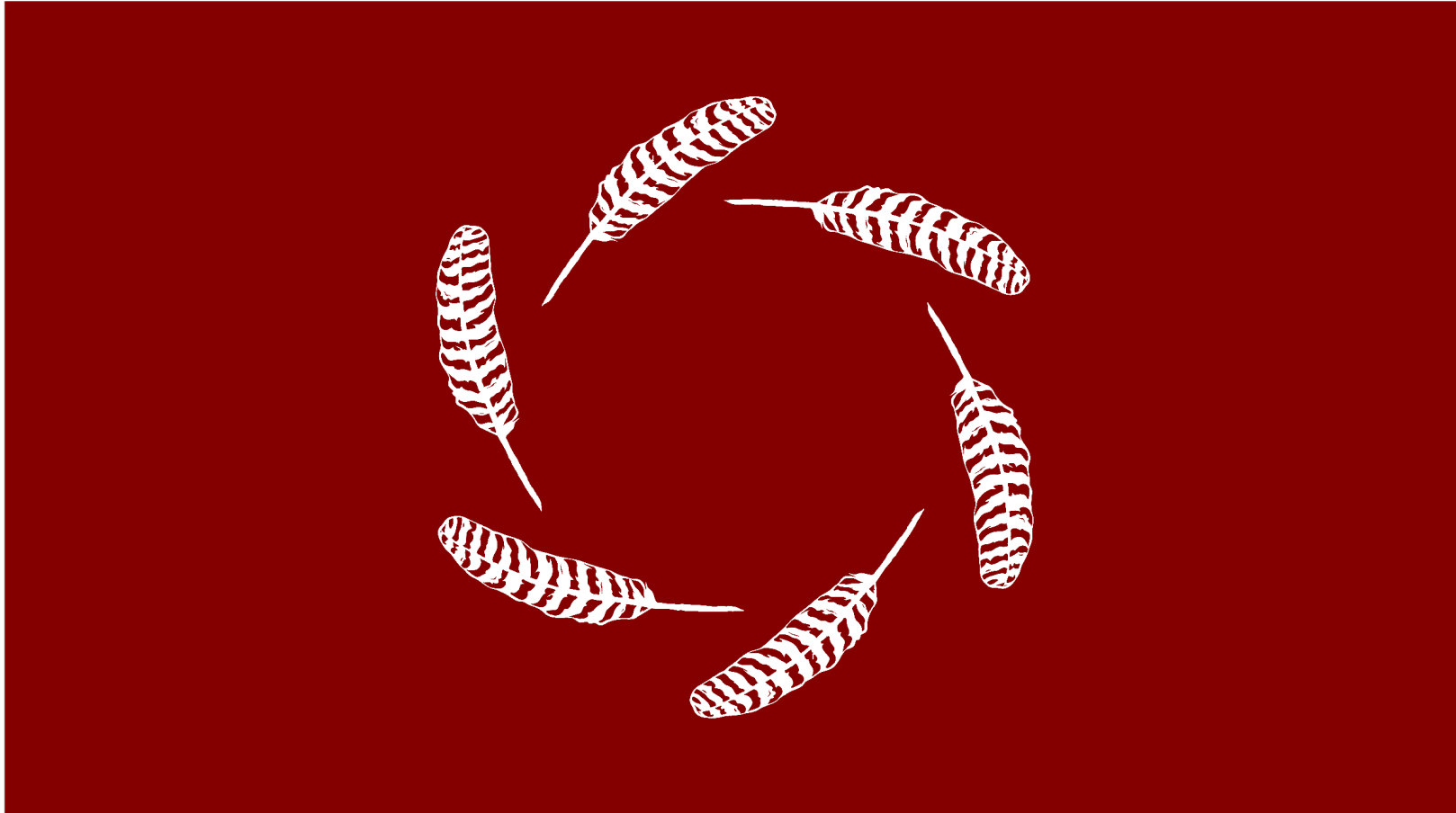
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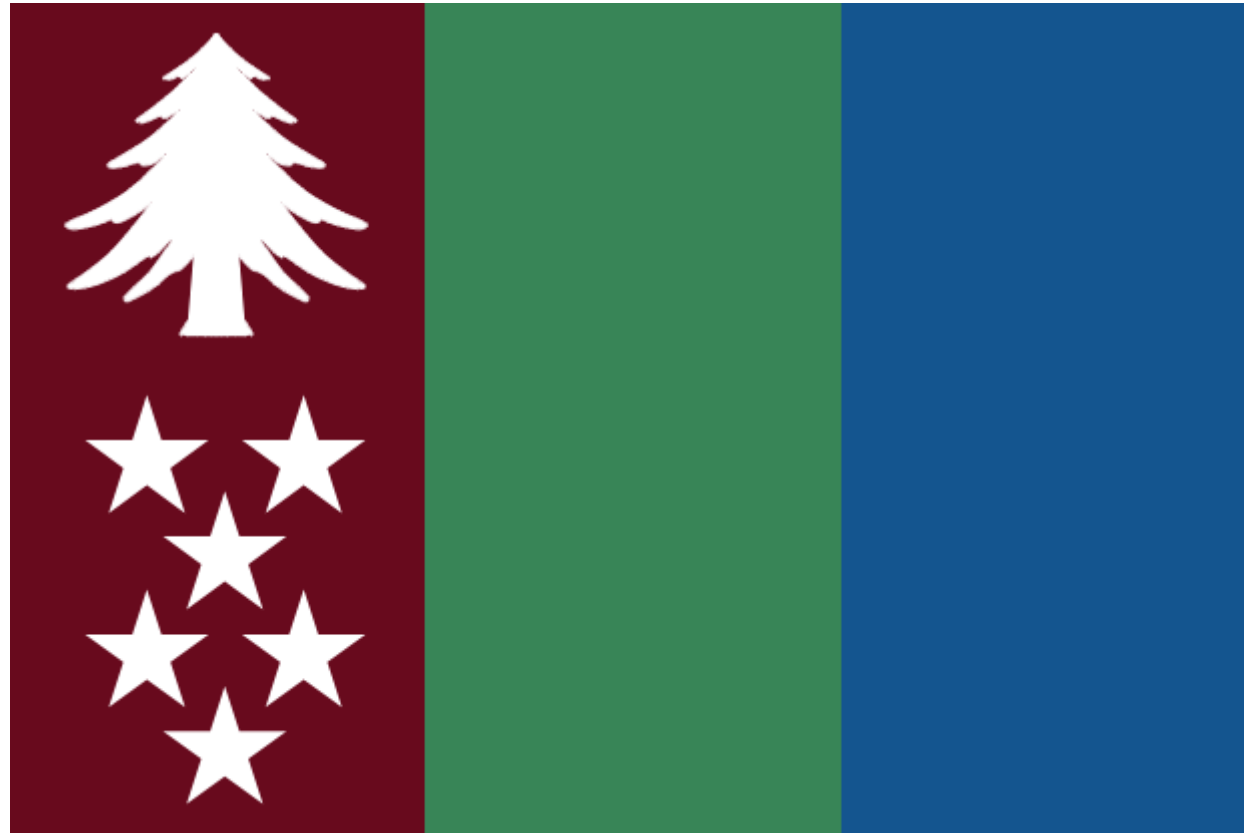


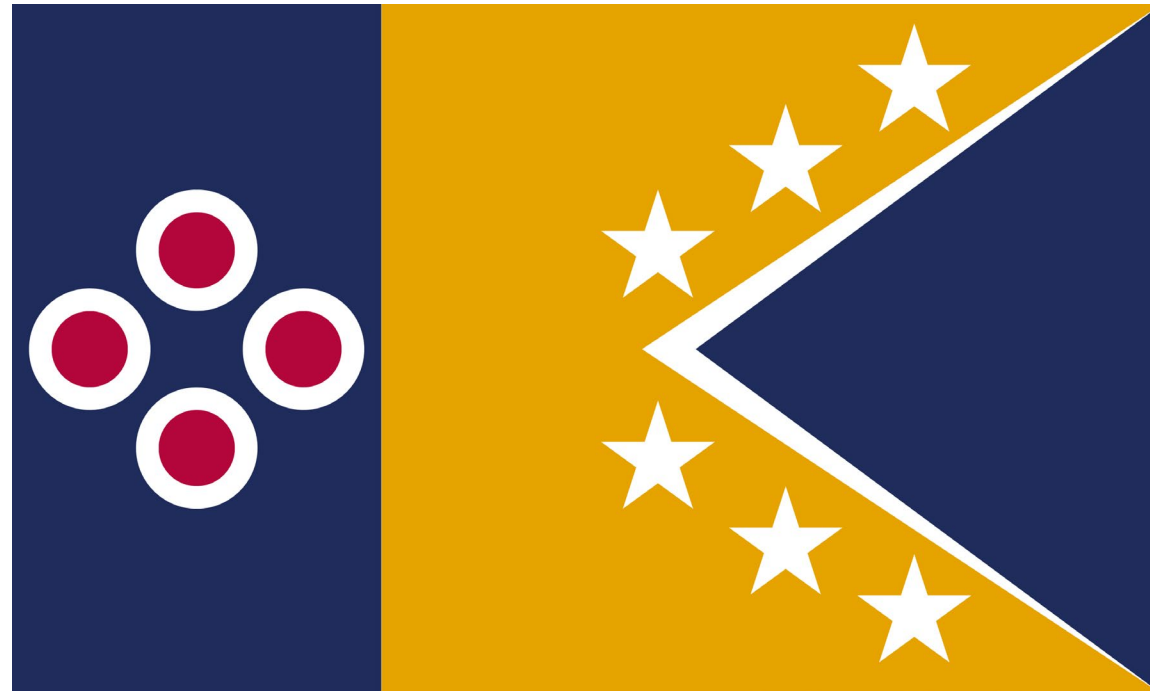






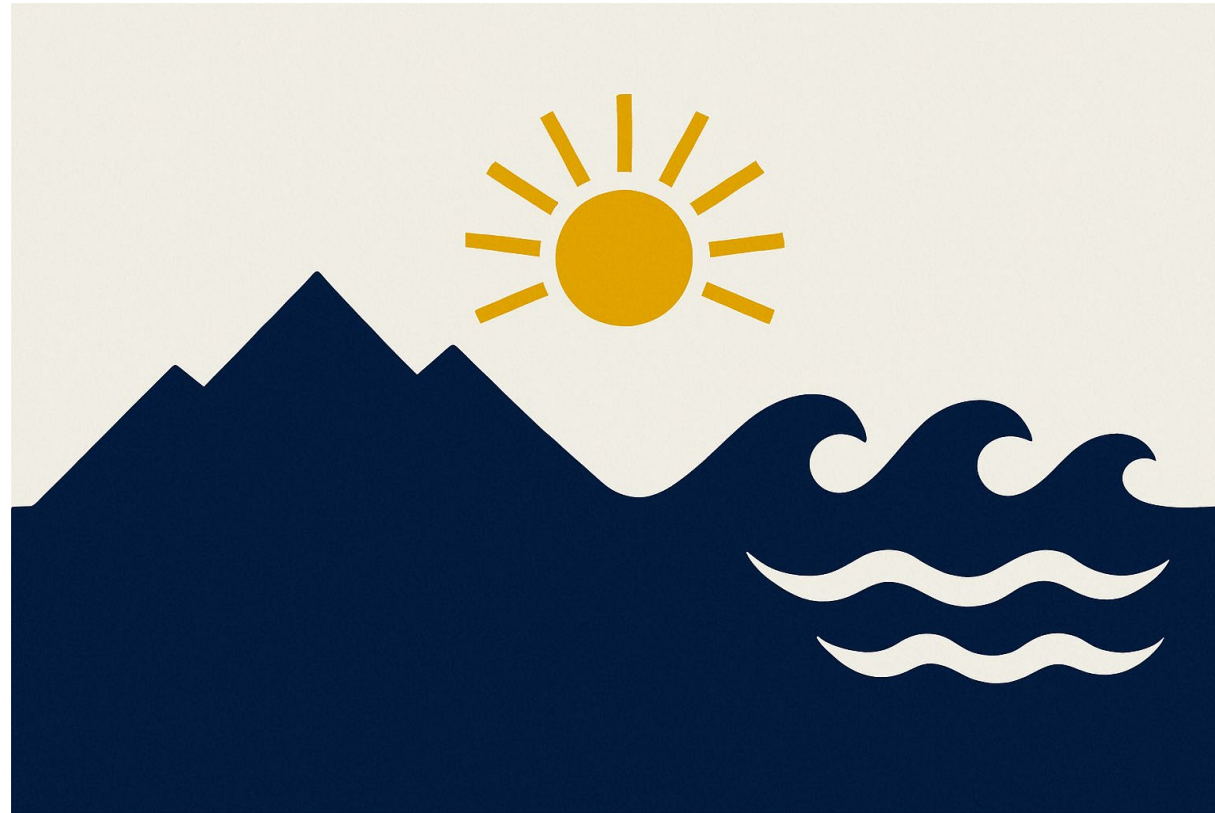






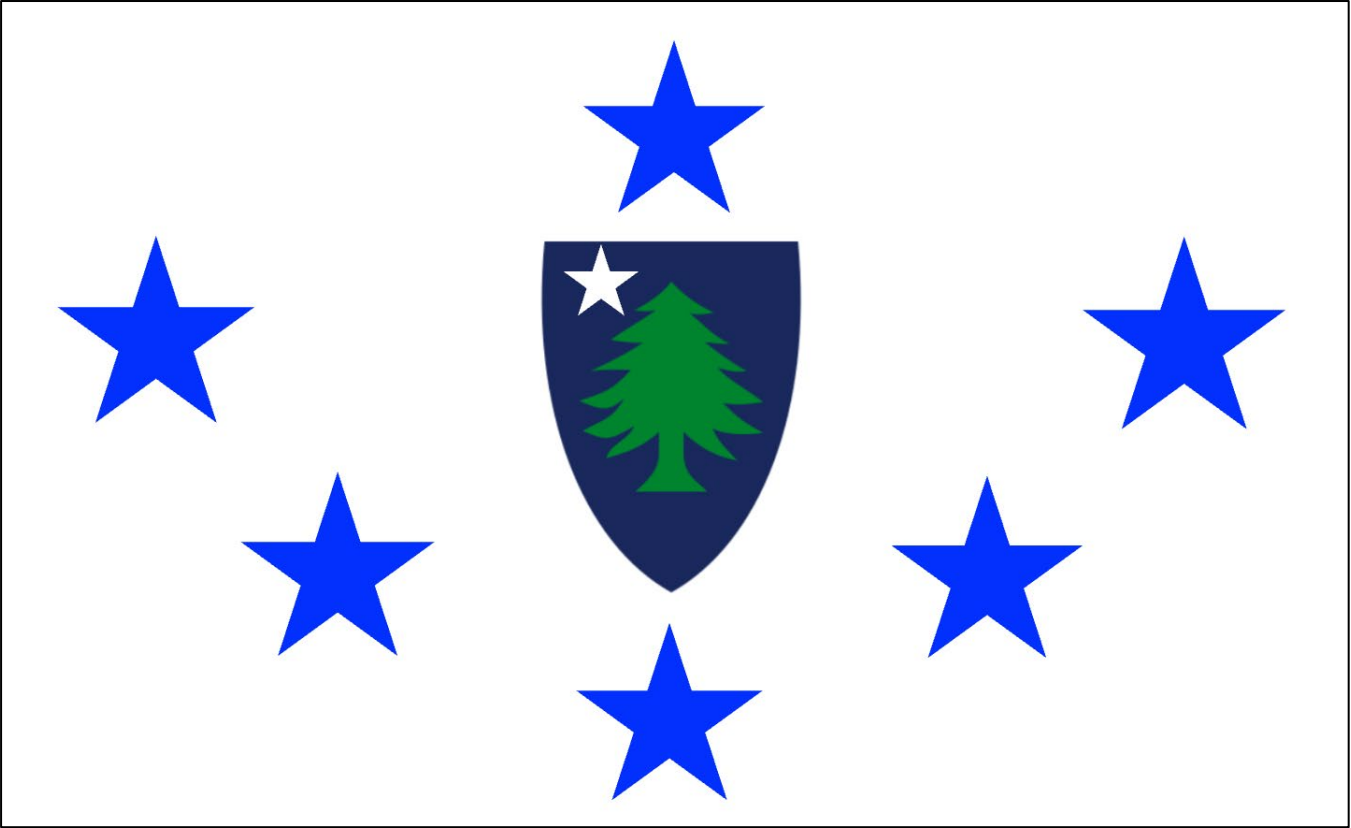
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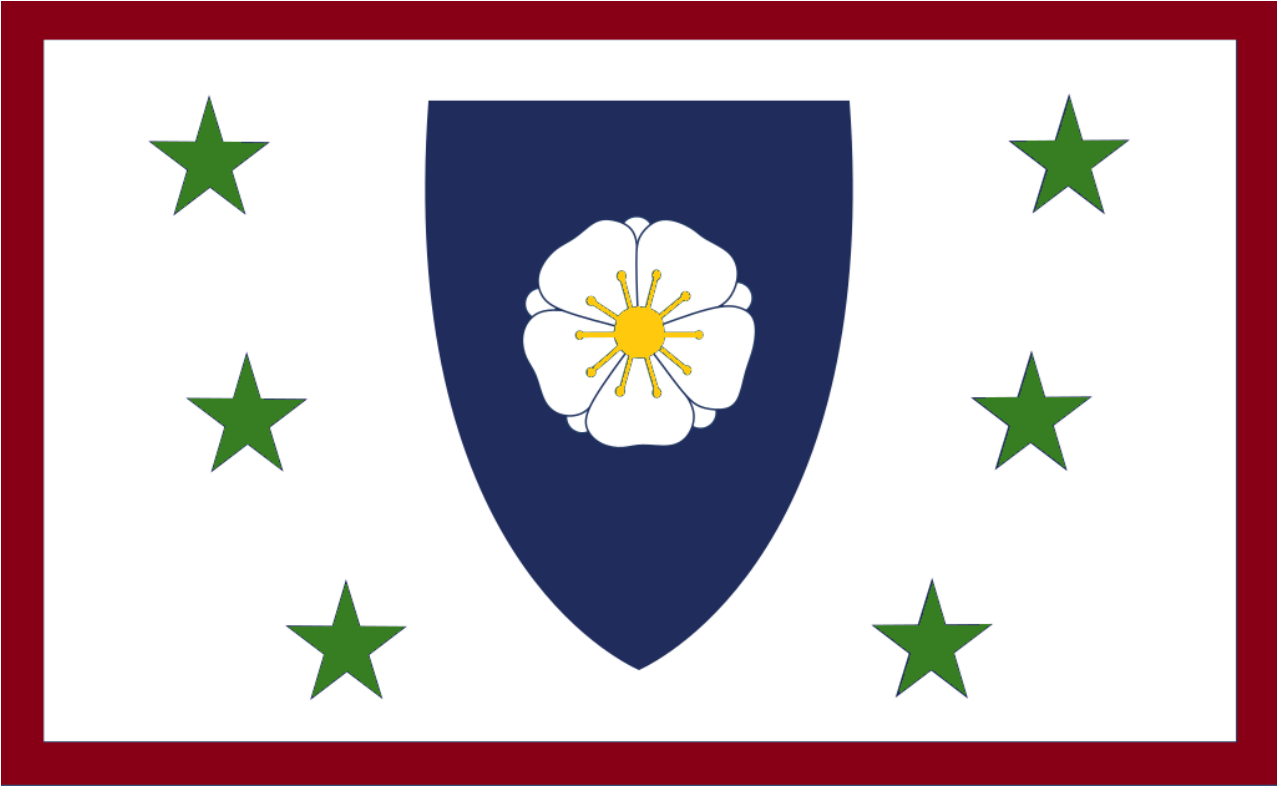








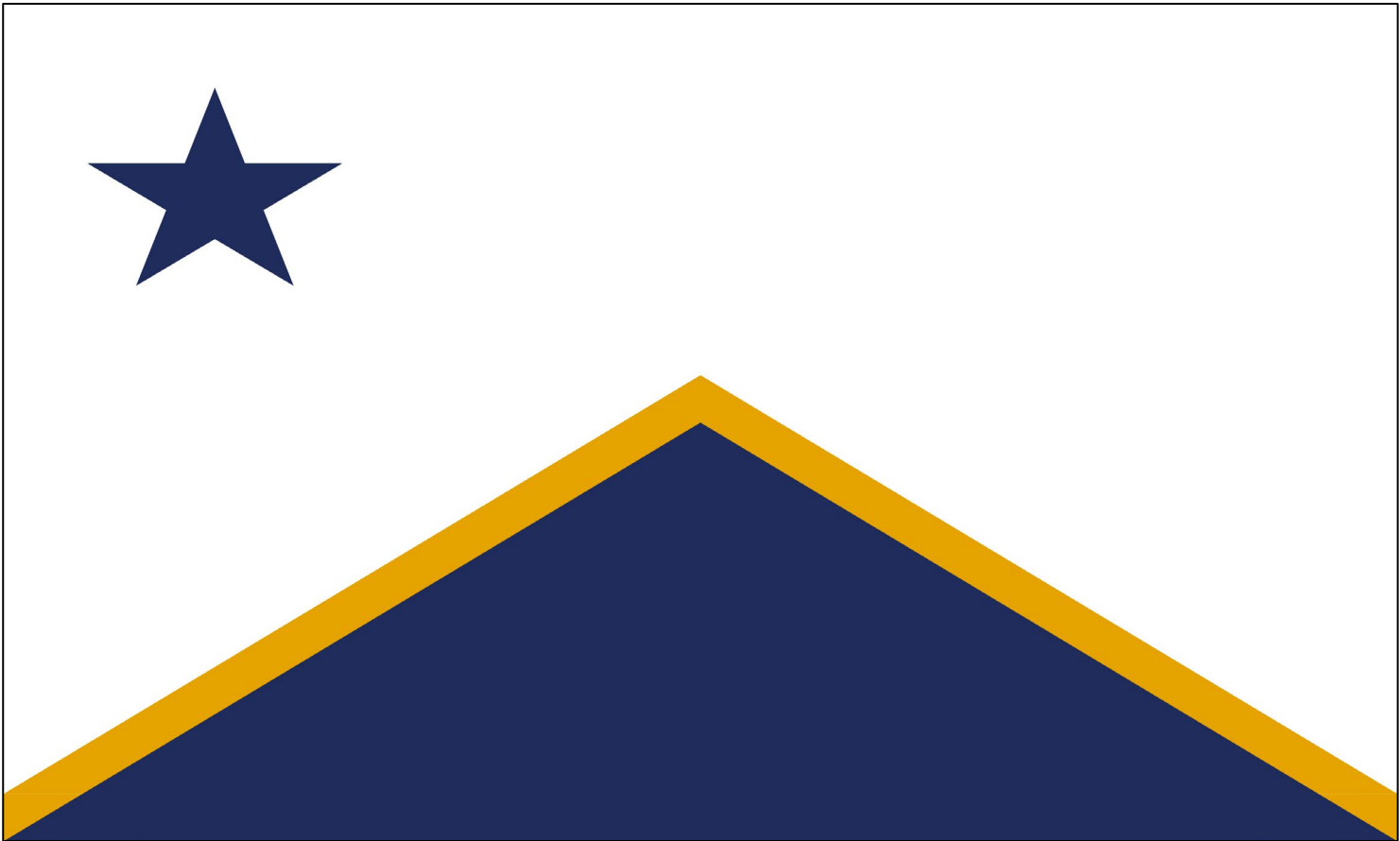












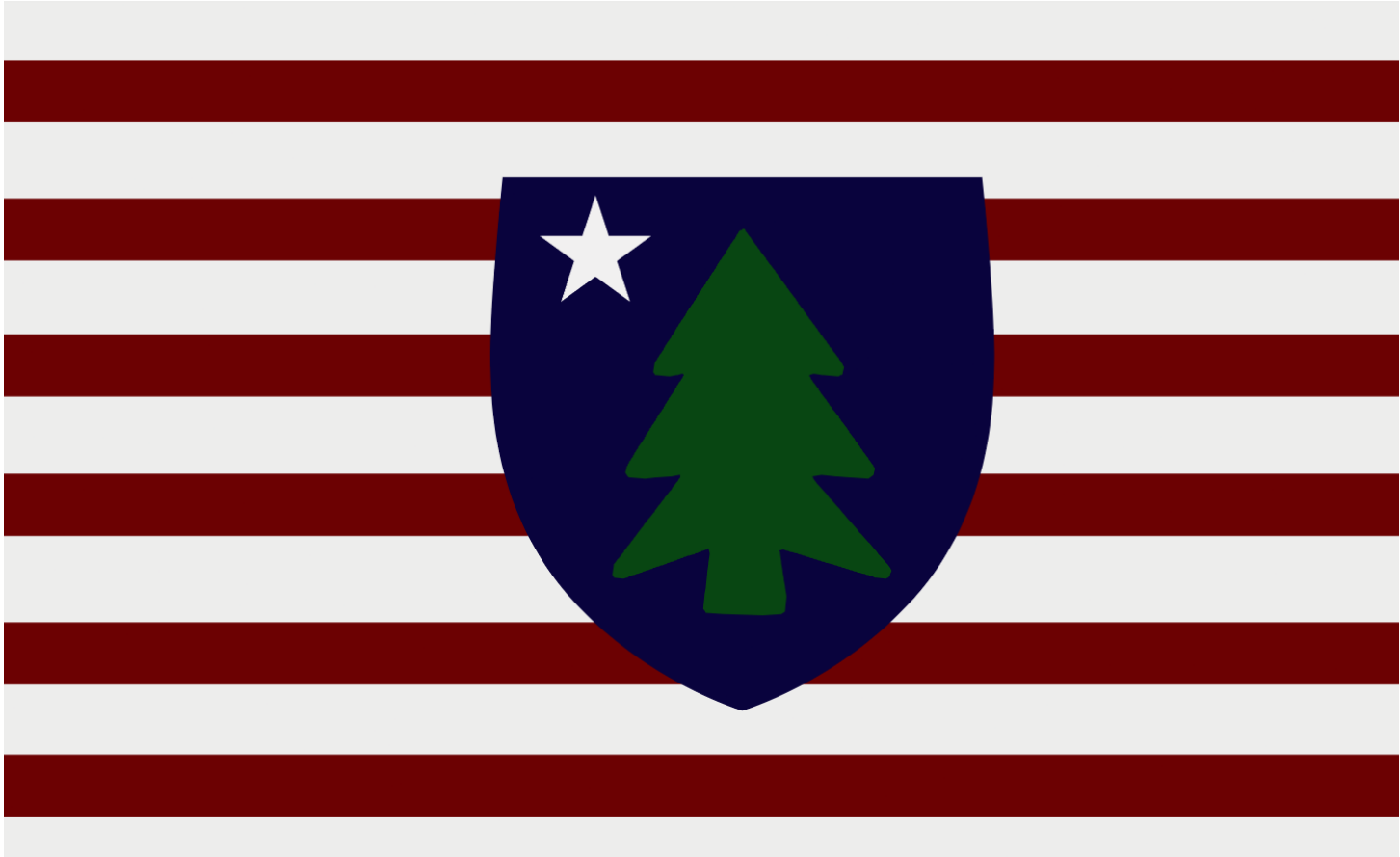








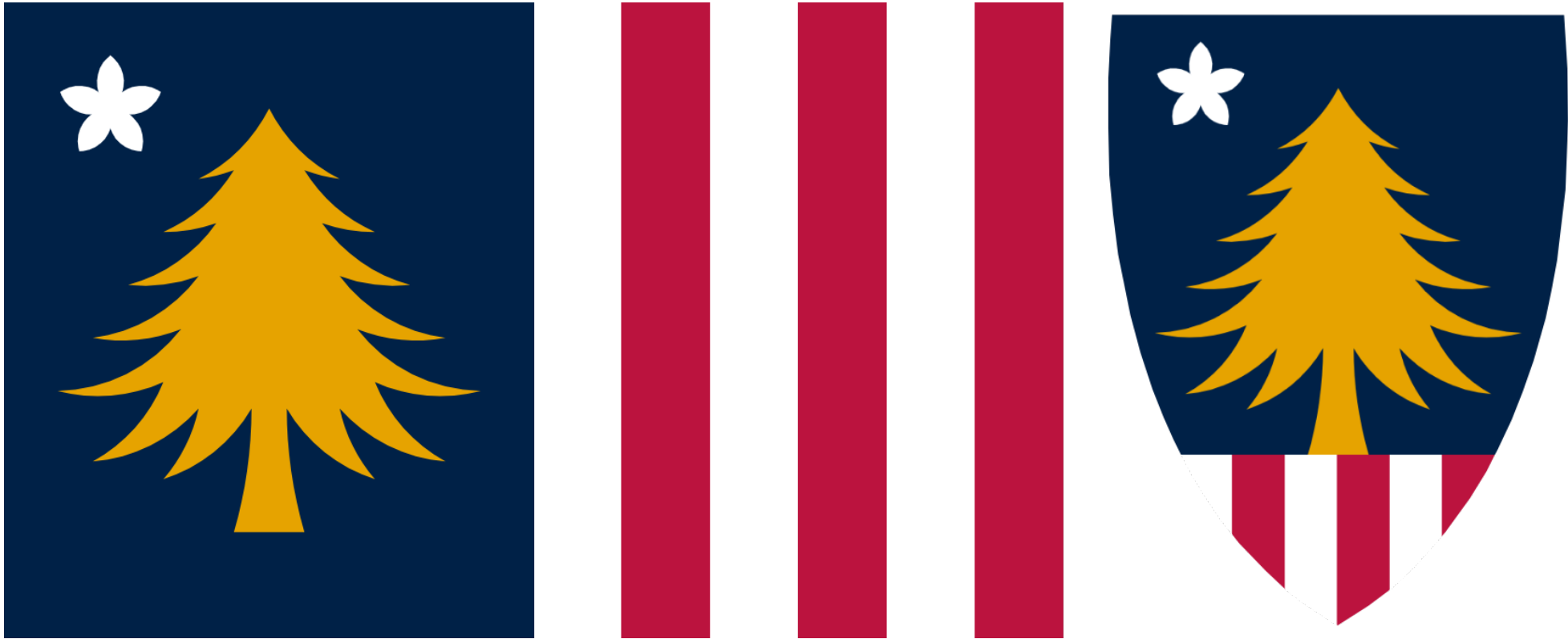








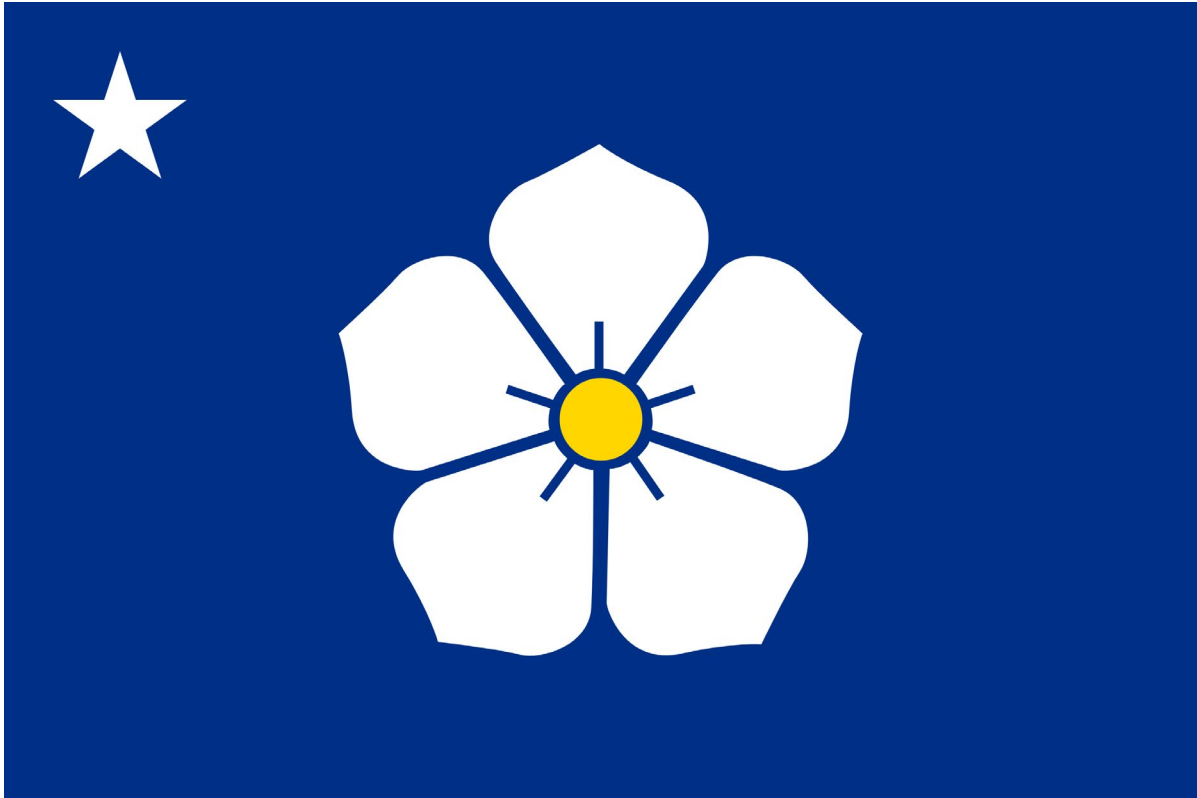


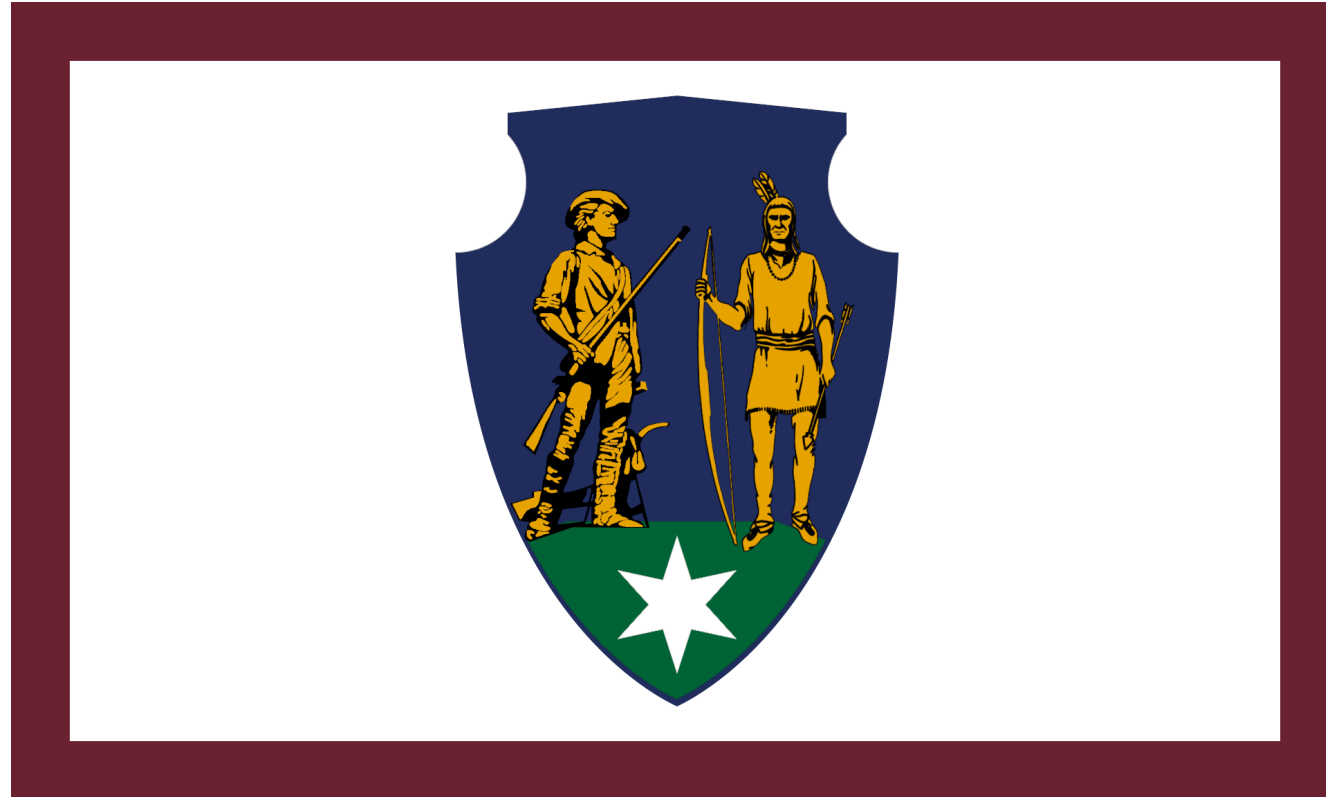


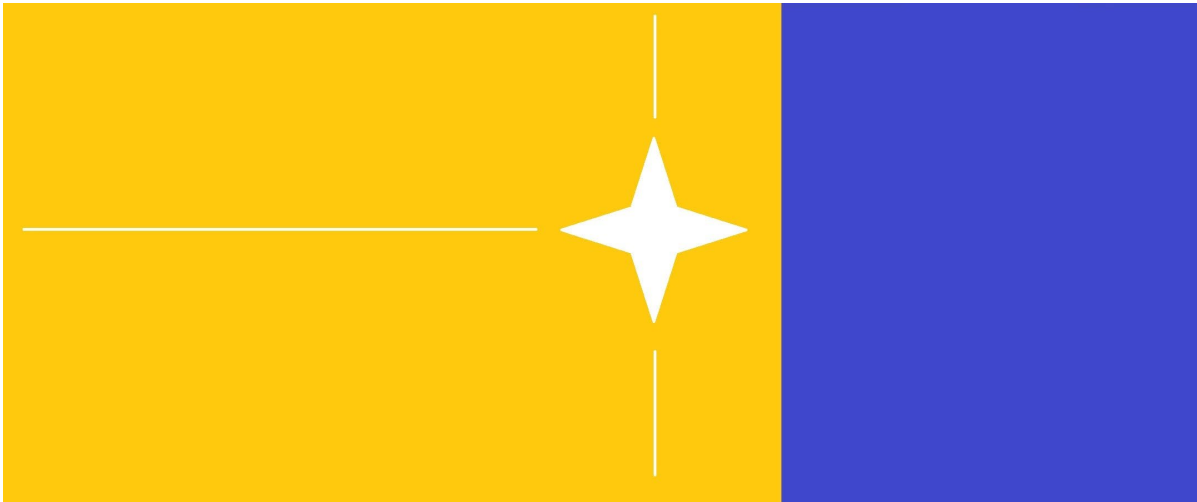


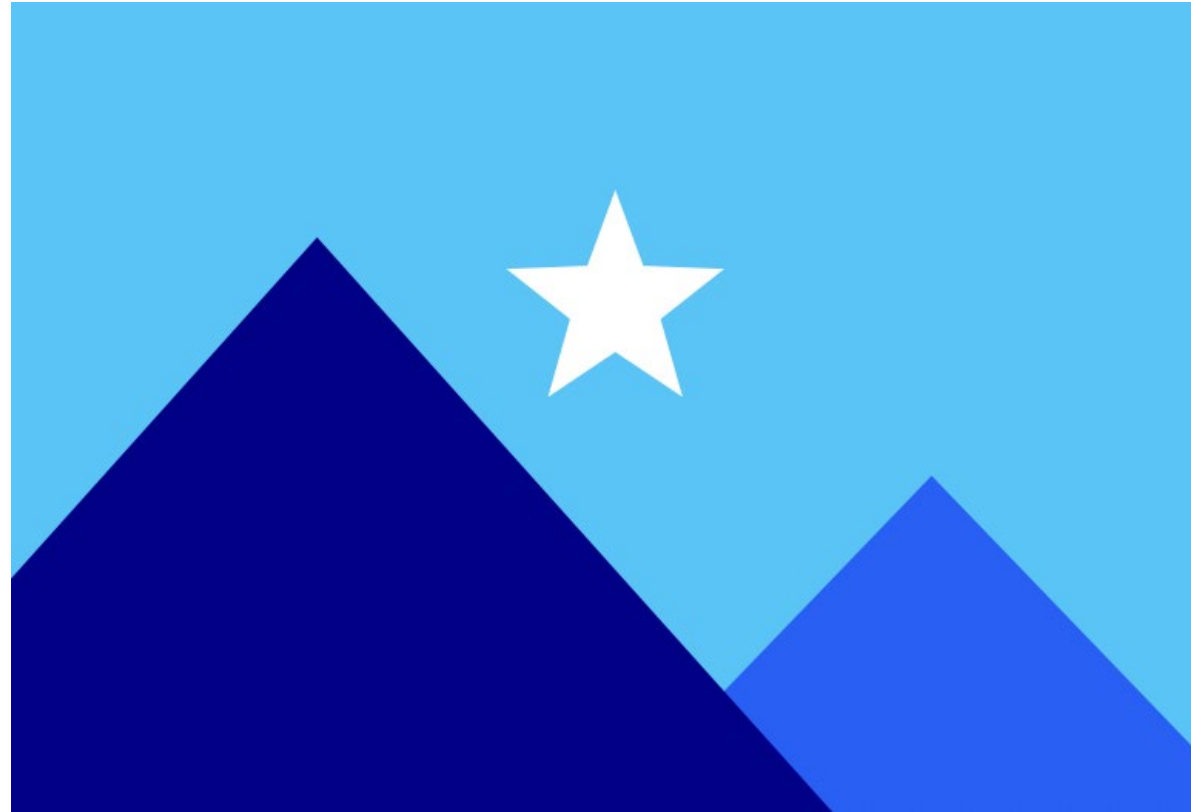




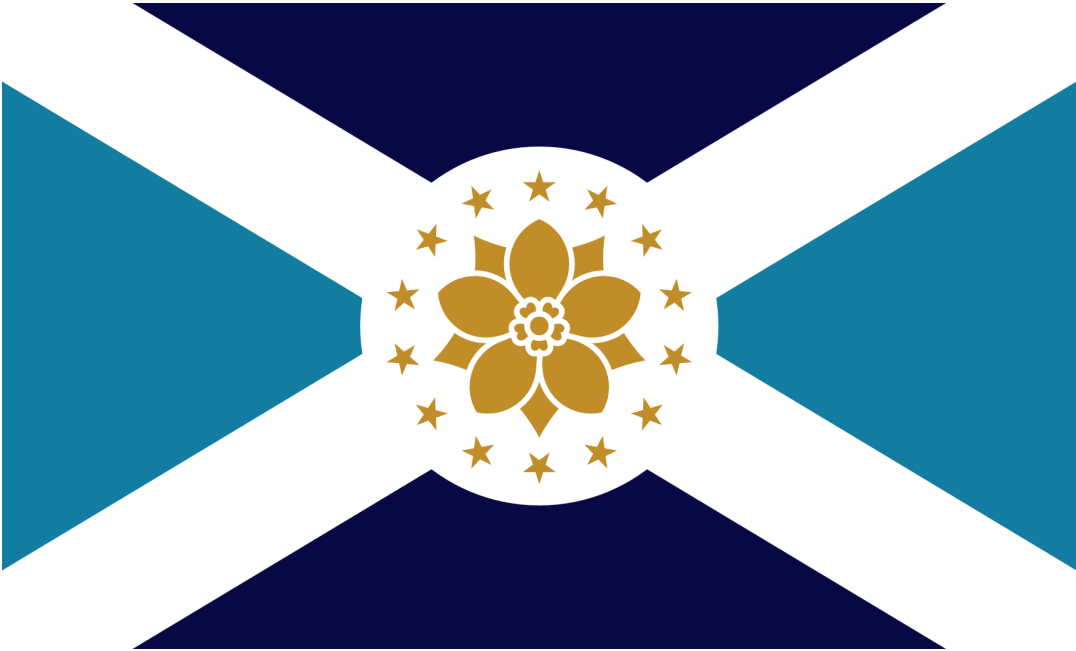








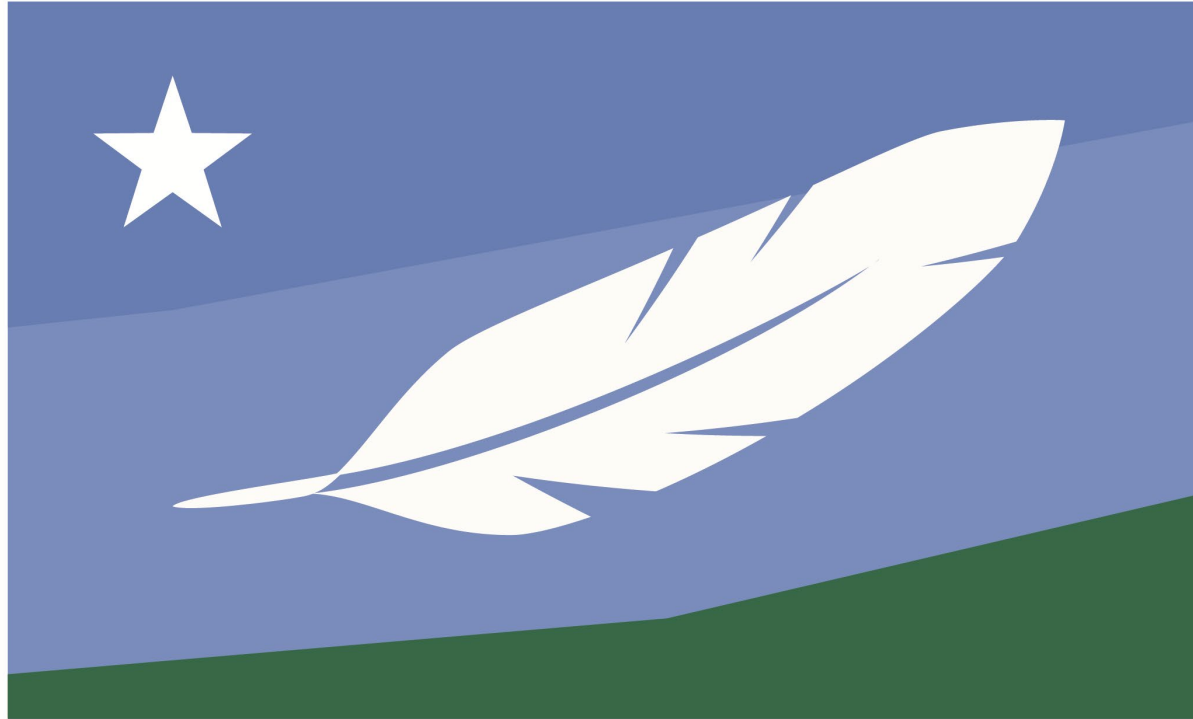


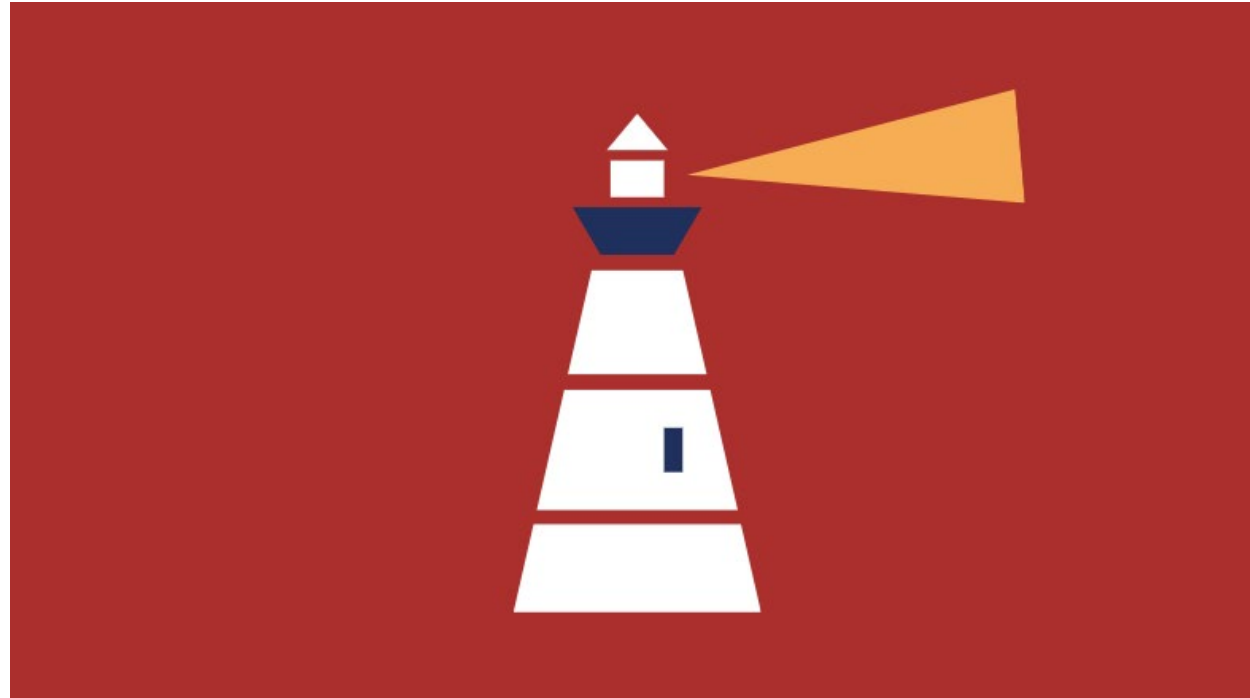








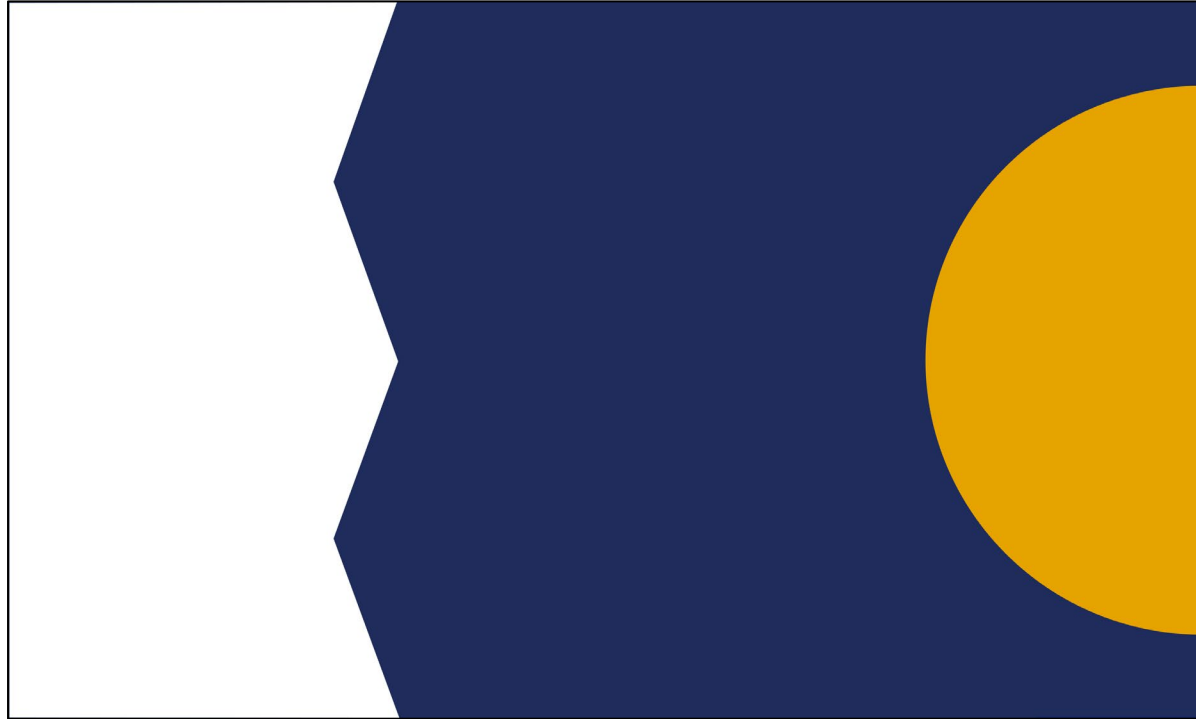


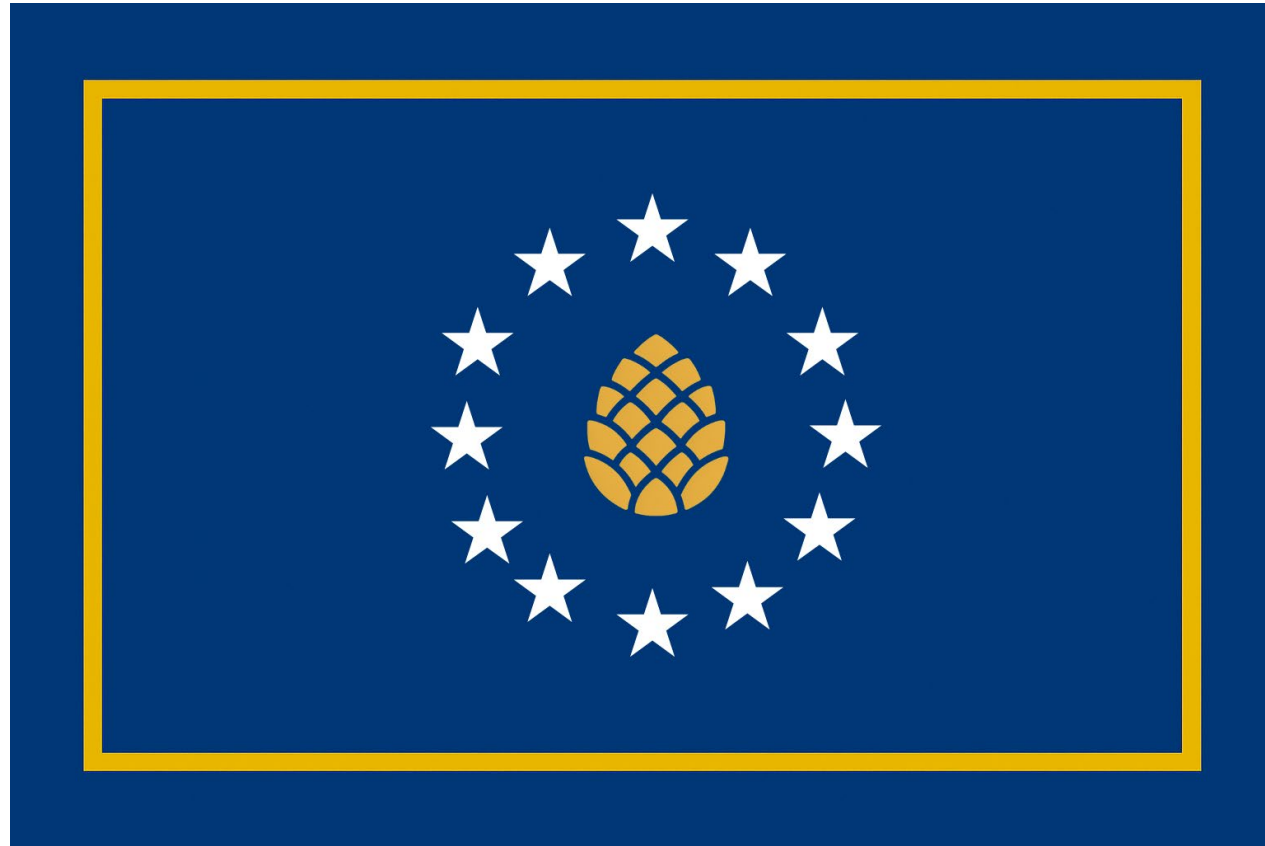


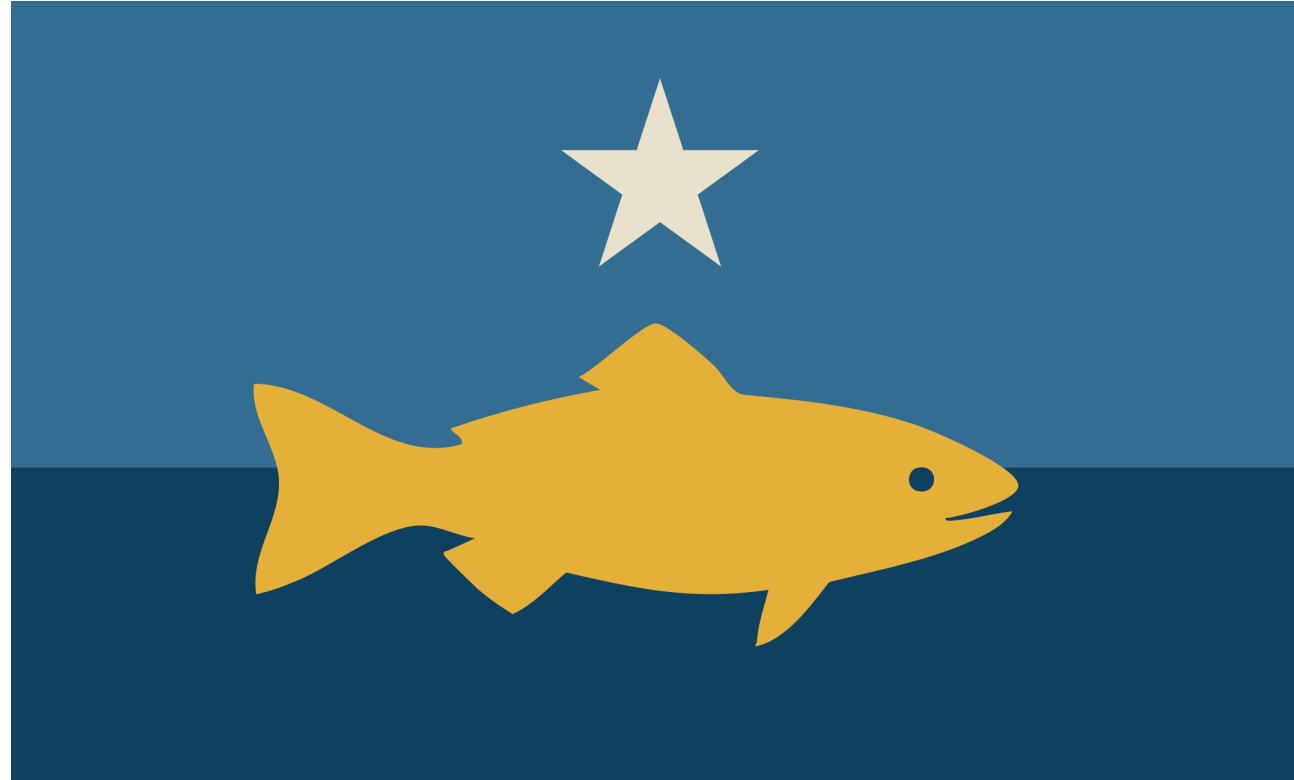














Motto Selections (32)

Aequalitas. Diversitas. Libertas.

These are the latin words for the ideals we uphold in our Commonwealth; equality, diversity, and freedom. If we recite these ideals, we may continue to embed them into our communities.

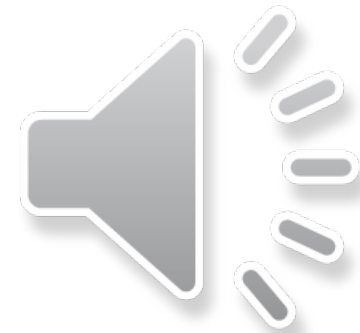
Given the current political environment, I support keeping the state motto as-is. However, there is one change I'd be very supportive of. Our motto is thematically similar to the much more well-known "Live Free or Die" of our neighbors. My proposed change could be making it more succinct, truncating it to "**Peace only under liberty**", which I think captures the easy-to-grasp feeling of our neighbor's slogan again. At a minimum, the motto should be displayed/circulated more in English rather than in Latin. It's a good motto with strong historical roots, but a mostly dead language is not the best way to convey that

The Beverly Public Library has a bronze seal in its floor that has a motto originally written by Benjamin O Peirce. It says: **Bono publico laetamur**. That translates to, "we rejoice in the public good." Ever since I read that on a Beverly Public Library instagram post, I've thought it was such a perfect motto for any public entity. I'd like to submit it as a possibility for the state's motto. It expresses a hopefulness and joy about building things for communal benefit, which I think captures the best of Massachusetts.

Motto: Be Revolutionary

Motto: We the people, for the people

Motto: The Spirit of America



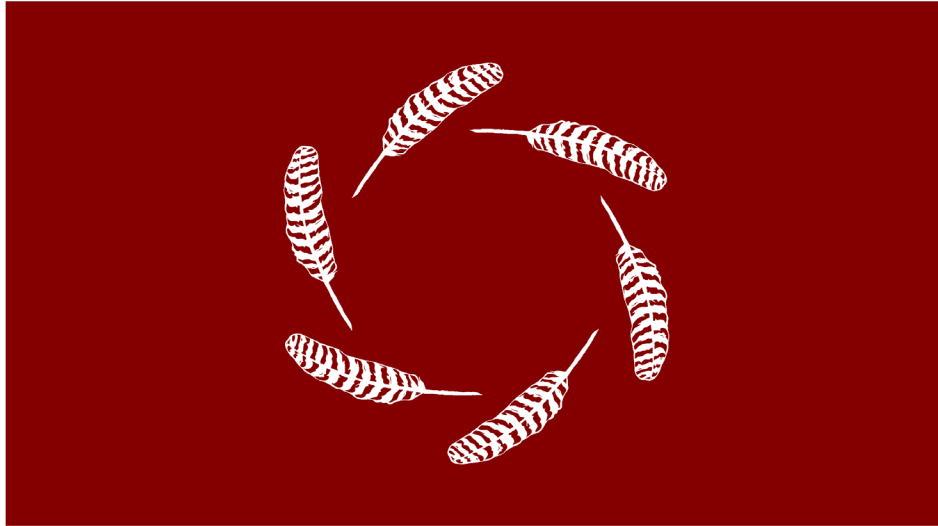
Current Latin motto on the flag- Ense petit placidam sub libertate quietem- By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty. Forget the Latin motto and use the Massachusetts Native Language out of respect for original inhabitants. Source- Natick Dictionary, Trumbull 1903, pp.264 under the word definition for "Free" is the question Sunnummatta Nut-chippinninnuoo - Am Not I Free? Sunnummatta Nut-chippinninnuoo Am I not free? It's a simple question all people in Massachusetts have asked and will continue to ask. **New Motto- Sunnummatta Nut-chippinninnuoo**

PAX SUB LIBERTATE

Peace Under Liberty







Flag



Seal

Motto: We are one and free.





Motto: Shining a Light Forward



1. Ingenio et Animo: Celebrates Massachusetts' distinctive blend of world-class innovation and the grit to pursue it. (Latin: "By Talent and Courage")
2. Fortitudo et Scientia: Affirms that resilient people empowered by knowledge drive progress. (Latin: "Strength and Knowledge")
3. Lux et Libertas: Portrays Massachusetts as a beacon of knowledge, freedom, and enlightened progress, reflecting our intellectual traditions and foundational commitment to individual rights. (Latin: "Light and Liberty")
4. Liberty and Union: Drawn from the historic Taunton "Liberty and Union" flag, this motto connects Massachusetts' revolutionary roots to its enduring dedication to national unity.
5. Spirit of Inquiry, Heart of Progress: Explicitly communicates Massachusetts' ongoing dedication to curiosity and intellectual exploration, powering breakthroughs in science, culture, and civic life

MOTTO OPTIONS

lux et progressus
(light and progress)

lux via
(light the way)

pax sub libertate
(peace under liberty)

"Lighting the Way"

PEACE

**Omnes sic advenite, et tuti
sunt
All are welcome, all are safe**



The new motto I'm proposing is
"primus in cogitatione, primus in
actio".

UNDER LIBERTY WE SEEK PEACE, JUSTICE, AND
EQUALITY FOR ALL



The State Motto should be: **SAFEGUARD PEACE AND LIBERTY**

This is a shorter rephrasing of the inscription on the north side of the beautiful Boston Public Library building: "THE COMMONWEALTH REQUIRES THE EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE AS THE SAFEGUARD OF ORDER AND LIBERTY"

Two proposals for a new motto: 1. **"For the People and the Common Wealth"** 2. **"From This Cradle Grows Liberty"**

Melius praeteritum futurum intelligendo facimus.

Translated from Latin:

“By understanding the past, we make a better future.”

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In the Spirit of the First Light, We Remember and Rise with Justice and Truth

- Eliminate the arm and sword image. Replace the Indian symbol with a turkey (which represents intelligence, endurance and overcoming adversity.) Replace the slogan with: **Peace, Liberty and freedom from tyranny.** (I prefer the slogan be in English, but Latin is acceptable.)

Together We Are Better

Slide #278

- "By Wisdom and Revolution, We Rise" - Honors the state's role in the American Revolution and its leadership in education (Harvard, MIT) while looking forward.
- "Defiant Spirit, Relentless Progress" - Reflects Massachusetts' rebellious roots and its modern push for social and technological advancement.
- "The Past's Battleground, The Future's Blueprint" - Acknowledges its revolutionary history while emphasizing its role in innovation (biotech, renewable energy).
- "Freedom First, Forward Always" - A modern twist on its revolutionary legacy and progressive politics. "Think Bold, Act Just, Move Forward" - Speaks to Massachusetts' intellectual culture, social activism, and innovative drive.
- "Cunning Minds, Stubborn Hearts" - A playful take on the stereotypical Bostonian attitude (sharp, argumentative, but principled).
- "From Liberty's Cradle to Tomorrow's Light" - Connects its revolutionary origins (Lexington, Concord) with its leadership in science and education.
- "The Spirit of '76 Still Speaks" - A direct homage to its revolutionary fire, suggesting that its boldness endures today.



"Born Free and Equal" We propose "Born Free and Equal" as the new motto of the Commonwealth. It is drawn from the first sentence of the first article of the Massachusetts state constitution. This phrase powerfully reflects the Commonwealth's core values of liberty and equality. It affirms that all people are inherently equal and entitled to freedom under the law. This principle not only laid the foundation for the abolition of slavery in Massachusetts but also continues to inspire movements for civil rights and social justice today. "Born free and equal" speaks to a more inclusive vision of Massachusetts and one that honors its historical leadership in the fight for human dignity.