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### **East Providence recognizes Harry “Hawk” Edmonds with street dedication ceremony**

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The city of East Providence and Mayor’s Advisory Council on Indigenous Affairs honoring Harry “Hawk “ Edmonds with a street dedication ceremony on Saturday, July 13, 2024.

Edmonds is a Sachem and an esteemed member of the Pokanoket Tribal Nation, whose family has lived in the Leonard Avenue portion of East Providence for nearly 200 years. The Edmonds family legacy has strong roots in the area, encompassing Grosvenor Avenue, North Hull Street and Leonard Avenue, locally known as “Edmondsville.”

Harry “Hawk” Edmonds comes from a lineage of distinguished athletes, excelling in athletics and becoming a Rhode Island All-State first-team selection in basketball, while also being a standout in football and expanding his sports prowess in 1993 when he won the Boston Open Golf Championship at the age of 57.

Edmonds is an outspoken leader and advocate for the Indigenous People of Southern New England, he is a proud member and honoree of the Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness and also displays his passion and connection to his Indigenous heritage at Powwows held throughout Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

It is for all of these reasons and more that the City of East Providence has proclaimed that Leonard Avenue shall also be known as Harry “Hawk” Edmonds Way.