## Tony Souza to Give Talk at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park welcomes back Tony Souza to its historic downtown. On Friday, October 25 at 6:00PM, the past director of WHALE will reflect on his time helping to establish the National Historical Park and the preservation of the downtown area. His talk will take place in the Park theater at 33 William Street and will be hosted by Park Superintendent, Jennifer Smith. Tony will be showing slides and discussing the political landscape that led to the passage of legislation creating the park in 1996. The program is free and open to the public.

Tony Souza was a long time resident of Massachusetts before moving to Florida in 2005. His expertise in real estate and historic preservation led to the preservation of dozens of historic buildings in New Bedford. Additionally, his civic engagement in the preservation movement earned him multiple awards, including the honor of being one of the outstanding Massachusetts Preservationists of the 20th Century by Preservation Massachusetts, Inc. He is currently the chairman of the Sarasota County Historic Preservation Board in Florida and is working on a development project on the Sarasota Bayside.