



## Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

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**2020-RES-024**

### **APPROVAL OF MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR MEETINGS OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (the “Tribe”) is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe with a duly-enacted Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council (the “Tribal Council”), the governing body of the Tribe, deems it essential, and is empowered, under Article VI, § 2.A. of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Constitution to promote and protect the health and general welfare of the members of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VI, § 2.C of the Constitution empowers the Tribal Council to establish procedures for the conduct of all Tribal government business operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe recognizes the importance of being well prepared for any emergency which may face the Tribe and for partnering with other tribal, local, county, state, and federal entities when circumstances require a coordinated response; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council recognizes that the threat and impacts of COVID-19 and subsequent federal and Commonwealth declarations have dramatically changed the landscape for providing Tribal services and conducting Tribal business;

**WHEREAS**, in response to COVID-19, on March 16, 2020, Tribal Council issued a declaration that there exists in the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe a STATE OF EMERGENCY;



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**WHEREAS**, due to the exigent and emergency circumstances created by COVID-19 and the existing STATE OF EMERGENCY and the significant need to conduct Tribal business, the Tribal Council desires to take immediate action and implement “Emergency Procedures for Meetings of the Tribal Council” that would allow Tribal Council members to attend Regular, Special or Emergency Tribal Council meetings by video conference and/or teleconference;

**WHEREAS**, Tribal Council desires to implement said “Emergency Procedures for Meetings of the Tribal Council” until such time as 2017-ORD-007, Amended and Restated Meetings of the Tribal Council, can be amended to provide for such emergency and exigent parameters for Tribal Council Meetings;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in response to the STATE OF EMERGENCY, the Tribal Council hereby approves the implementation of “Emergency Procedures for Meetings of the Tribal Council” to allow Tribal Council members to attend Regular, Special or Emergency Tribal Council meetings by video conference and/or teleconference.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council desires to authorize the Chairman of the Tribal Council, or Tribal Council Chairman designee, to take all necessary action to ensure the implementation of the “Emergency Procedures for Meetings of the Tribal Council” in furtherance of the existing STATE OF EMERGENCY.

All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed. This resolution is effective immediately and shall continue in effect during the entire Grant period from the date below pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, §§ 2.A. and D of the Constitution of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Chairperson and Secretary of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 13 members of whom 10, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members, with 0 opposing, and with 1 not voting.



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DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cedric Cromwell".

Cedric Cromwell, Chairman  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Marie Askew".

Ann Marie Askew, Secretary  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council