



## Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

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**2020-RES-042**

### **APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FROM DENTONS FOR COVID-19 RELATED SERVICES**

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Article VI, § 2.D. of the Constitution empowers the Tribal Council to negotiate and enter into contracts and agreements with state and local governments, private persons and corporate entities;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council desires to continue to address the impacts and needs created by COVID-19 and provide Tribal citizens with necessary services to combat this STATE OF EMERGENCY; and

**WHEREAS**, Dentons has submitted a proposal to provide COVID-19 Related Legal Services to assist the Tribe and provide guidance on the policies and procedures set forth in the Tribal Coronavirus Relief Fund (CARES Act), FEMA COVID-19 Response Act and provide legal assistance with COVID-19 Related matters that impact the Tribe (“Denton’s Proposal”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council desires to approve the Denton’s Proposal so that they may commence providing legal services and support Tribal operations in COVID-19 Related matters;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council finds it in the best interests of the Tribe to express its authorization for the Tribal Council Chairman, or other authorized Tribal Council Chairman designee, to execute the Dentons Proposal, and to take such other actions as are reasonable or necessary in furtherance of the execution or performance of such agreement.



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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby approves of and authorizes in substantial conformity the Dentons Proposal for COVID-19 Related Consulting Services attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, nothing in this resolution or the Agreement shall be read or construed to effect, modify, limit, or waive the sovereign immunity of the MWT, its departments, agencies, organizations, officers, agents, employees and/or instrumentalities; and


**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Council Chairman, or other Tribal Council Chairman designee, to execute the Agreement and to take such other actions as are reasonable and necessary in furtherance of the execution or performance of the Agreement; and

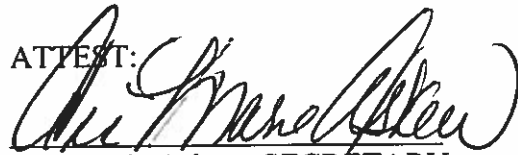
All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed. This resolution is effective immediately and shall continue pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, §§ 2.A. and D. of the Constitution.

### 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 11, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 1st day of July, 2020, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members, with 1 opposing, and with 2 not voting.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

  
Cedric Cromwell, CHAIRMAN  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:  
  
Ann Marie Askew, SECRETARY  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council