



## Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

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**2020-RES-049**

### **APPROVAL OF MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE RECOGNITION OF SEAL OF BI-LITERACY & EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE FOR ALYSSA K. HARRIS**

**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 peace, morals, education and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe recognizes the importance of preserving the Wôpanâak language and encouraging tribal citizens to strengthen their language skills; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, as a result of Wampanoag student requests and the work of the WLRP, a World Language Credit course in Wôpanâak language was added to the Mashpee Public Schools' curriculum through the support of Department of Education funding; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 2019-2020 school year, WLRP's Mashpee Middle and High School (MMHS) World Languages Department participated in a pilot program to implement the *Seal of Bi-Literacy* – to be awarded to students who are rated as Intermediate High or Advanced Low speakers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council would like to recognize tribal citizen ALYSSA K. HARRIS as the first ever Numukayusunonak student at MMHS to pursue and succeed in receiving the achievement of *Seal of Bi-Literacy* as a Wôpanâak Nuhsh (Level 3) language student; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Harris has assisted Wôpanâak teaching and the linguist team in piloting the new program and inspiring future generations of Wôpanâak language students at MMHS; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Harris has exhibited exemplary qualities and performance in completion of her Wôpanâak language portfolio activities;



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**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council desires to congratulate and recognize tribal citizen ALYSSA K. HARRIS by passing this Resolution commemorating her scholastic and personal achievement in receiving the *Seal of Bi-Literacy* and trailblazing a path for future students of the Wôpanâak language; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council hereby approves this Resolution in recognition and commemoration of tribal citizen ALYSSA K. HARRIS achievement in receiving the *Seal of Bi-Literacy* in Wôpanâak language.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council desires to approve and authorize the Chairman of the Tribal Council to take all necessary action to ensure the implementation of this resolution.

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.

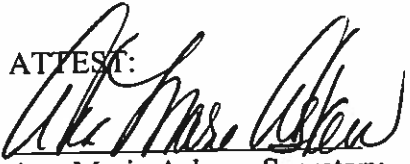
### CERTIFICATION

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 9, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020, and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members, with 0 opposing, and with 1 not voting.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

  
Cedric Cromwell, Chairman  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:

  
Ann Marie Askew, Secretary  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council