



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2021-RES-005 APPROVING SIGNATORY AUTHORITY IN THE ABSENCE OF A CHAIRPERSON OF THE TRIBE

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (“Tribe”), is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with duly-enacted Constitution and the governing body of the Tribe is known as the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council (“Tribal Council”);

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

WHEREAS, This Meeting is special meeting of the Tribal Council within the meaning of Article IX, Section 1(b)(1) of the Constitution; and

WHERRAS, In accordance with the Constitution, the Vice Chairperson of the Tribe is serving as the presiding officer of this Meeting; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article VI, § 2 of the Constitution, the Tribal Council is empowered to exercise certain powers, including the power to promote and protect the economic security and general welfare of the Tribe and its members, and the power to negotiate and enter into contracts with other governments and with private persons and corporate entities; and

WHEREAS, By emergency action on November 13, 2020, the Tribal Council moved to remove the Cedric Cromwell as the current Chairperson of the Tribe with formal removal proceedings to be commenced under the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article VIII, on December 2, 2020, the Tribal Council voted to expel Cedric Cromwell as the Chairperson of the Tribe pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2(B) of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, because of the absence of an acting Chairperson, the Tribal Council acknowledged that pursuant to Article VII, Section 2 of the Constitution, the Vice Chairperson shall preside over meetings and assist with Duties of the Chairperson including, but not limited to, the “Signing of Documents” as provided in Section 4(e)(2) of 2017-ORD-007, *Amended and Restated Meetings of the Tribal Council*, by and through



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2020-RES-062, entitled Emergency Resolution Approving Signatory Authority in the Absence of a Chairperson of the Tribe;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to express its authorization for the Tribal Council Vice Chairperson and Tribal Secretary, or in the absence of unavailability of the Vice Chairperson and Tribal Secretary, any two (2) Tribal Council Members, to exercise Signatory Authority on behalf of the Tribe and to take such other actions as are reasonable or necessary in furtherance of the execution or performance of these duties under the Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in accordance with Section 4(e)(2) of the Meeting Ordinance, the Tribal Council hereby grants to the Tribal Vice-Chairperson and Tribal Secretary, or in the absence of the Vice-Chairperson or Tribal Secretary, any two (2) Tribal Councilors, all requisite authority and power for and on behalf of the Tribe to sign all ordinances, resolutions, contracts, and other documents necessitating signature duly approved by Tribal Council and to take such further and additional action as such person reasonably determines to be necessary or appropriate and in the interest of the Tribe in furtherance of these duties as Signatory Authority.

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.

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CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned duly elected Vice-Chairperson and Secretary of the Tribal Council do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted on January 11, 2021, by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council which is composed of 13 members, of whom 9 constituting a quorum, were present at the Meeting, duly called, noticed, convened, and held on January 11, 2021, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 5 members, with 3 opposing, and with 1 not voting (it being understood that the Presiding Officer does not vote except in the case of a tie), and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 11th day of January, 2021

Jessie Little Doe Baird, Vice-Chairperson
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:

Ann Marie Askew, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council