



## Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

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**2021-RES-011**

### **APPROVAL OF MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE COMMERCIAL FISHERMAN COVID-19 BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

**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 the threat that the disease caused by the 2019 novel Coronavirus is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease;

**WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the 2019 novel Coronavirus outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, United States Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the entire United States to aid the nation’s healthcare community in responding to the 2019 novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”);

**WHEREAS**, as of July 8, 2020, there are 110,338 positive cases of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth and 13 of which are members of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been detected in the Commonwealth and such transmission is expected to continue;



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**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and the Commonwealth significantly affect the life and health of our people, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security, and safety of the public;

**WHEREAS**, on March, 13<sup>th</sup> 2020, President Trump declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act").

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, Tribal Council took additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the people of the Tribe by declaring a STATE OF EMERGENCY;

**WHEREAS**, Congress has allocated funds to assist Tribes under Section 601(d) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") established to provide funding to address unforeseen financial needs and risks created by the COVID-19 public health emergency.; and

**WHEREAS**, Tribal Council desires to allocate funds from the CARES Act to provide emergency financial assistance to tribal member commercial fisherman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe that are directly impacted by the loss of income due or suffering from other economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency and implement a "Commercial Fishermen COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Program" (the "Program"); and

**WHEREAS**, Tribal Council desires to adopt this Program in order to provide assistance to commercial fishermen of the Tribe caused by COVID-19 and this STATE OF EMERGENCY;

**WHEREAS**, Tribal Council intends to provide emergency financial assistance to tribal commercial fishermen impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic and this STATE OF EMERGENCY to support members in dire need of financial support due to loss of income due or suffering from economic hardship during this period of pandemic; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council hereby approves the Commercial Fishermen COVID-19 Emergency Assistance Program in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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.



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### 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 Special meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.

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Jessie Little Doe Baird, Vice Chairperson  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ann Marie Askew".

Ann Marie Askew, Secretary  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

