



2021-RES-042

APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION OF AUGUST 12TH AS “METACOMET DAY” – AN OFFICIAL MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL HOLIDAY

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

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council (“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, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, by and through its Tribal Council Chairman, has the authority pursuant to Part 4, Section 403(A) in the Employee Handbook to proclaim holidays for the Tribe; *and*,

WHEREAS, Metacomet also known as King Philip, was the son of the great sachem Massasoit “Ousamequin” who welcomed the English in 1620; *and*,

WHEREAS, King Philip became sachem to the Wampanoag Nation in 1662; *and*,

WHEREAS, King Philip’s War sometimes called the “First Indian War, Metacom’s War or Metacom’s Rebellion” was an armed conflict in 1675-1678 between the indigenous inhabitants of New England and the colonists. The War was the greatest calamity in seventeenth-century New England and is considered by many to be the deadliest war in Colonial American History; *and*,

WHEREAS, The war’s proximate cause was Plymouth Colony’s execution in June 1675 of three of Philip’s warriors that had been tried for the murder of John Sassamon, while tensions have been smoldering for 55 years over competing land claims, interracial insensitivities, and English cultural encroachment on Native America; *and*,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED This year marks the 345th anniversary of King Philip’s death on August 12, 1676 in Bristol, Rhode Island at Mount Hope; *and*,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, in honor and recognition of the sacrifices Metacomet “King Philip” made for the Wampanoag Nation proclaim August 12th as “Metacomet Day” and will be recognized as an official Tribal holiday: duly proclaimed by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Chairman and Tribal Council; *and*,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, While the country celebrates 400 years since the arrival of the English, King Philips war might have ended however the fight continues with the loss of our lands,



culture and sovereignty. Metacomet's legacy will live on forever through the future generations of the Wampanoag "People of The First Light" and memorialized on August 12th each calendar year as *Metacomet Day*.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby grants to the Tribal Council Chairman, or in his absence, the requisite authority and power for an on behalf of the Tribe to proclaim August 12th as Metacomet Day – an official Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Holiday and take such further action necessary to effect the purposes of this Resolution.



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 28th day of July, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members, with 0 opposing, and with 0 not voting.

DATED this 28th day of July, 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brian Weeden".

Brian Weeden, Chairman
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Cassie D. Jackson".

Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council