



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
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2021-RES-043

**APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO SUPPORT THE EASTERN BAND OF
CHEROKEE INDIANS (EBCI)-CHEROKEE INDIAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
(CIHA) COMPACT FOR THE UNITY HEALING CENTER**

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 Tribal Council is empowered under Article VI, § 2.D. of the Constitution to negotiate and enter into contracts and agreements with Federal, State and Local governments; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is committed to the health and well-being of Tribal members; *and*,

WHEREAS, many of members of the Tribal community including our youth are significantly affected by Alcohol and Substance Abuse and its related complications; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds it necessary to utilize available resources in the most efficient effective manner to address these important concerns and detrimental impacts to our youth; *and*,

WHEREAS, The Tribe hereby expresses the following:

1. Concerns with the services, effectiveness and outcomes of the Unity Healing Center, Regional Youth Treatment Center, operated by the Indian Health Service Nashville Area Office in Cherokee NC;
2. Support for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority(CIHA)’s interest in compacting the Regional Youth Treatment Center

in Cherokee N.C. for the total non-divisible shares associated Unity Healing Center, to serve regional patients.

WHEREAS, because the Indian Health Service has determined that the “shares are non-divisible”, therefore, this action requires support by Tribal Resolution from participating Tribes or the agency will not allow an individual Tribe to compact the program; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, by and through its Tribal Council, hereby approves of the afore-mentioned action and adopts a Tribal resolution authorizing EBCI – CIHA to execute said compact, subject to approval of all participating Tribes; *and*,

NOW THEREORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe hereby duly assembled at which a quorum is present that the Council does hereby demonstrate its support of the EBCI-CIHA to compact the Unity Healing Center and non-divisible shares in its entirety associated with this program in its motions.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe will carry out the intent 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 , 2021, 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.



Brian M. Weeden, CHAIRMAN
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie D. Jackson, SECRETARY
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council