



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
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2021-RES-044

**RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH RUTGERS UNIVERSITY FOR THE
NEXT GENERATION COMMUNITY LEADERS –
STRONGER DEMOCRACY PROJECT**

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 under Article VI, § 2.A. of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Constitution (“Constitution”) to promote and protect the political integrity, economic security and general welfare of the Tribe and members of the Tribe; *and*,

WHEREAS, Article VI, § 2.D. of the Constitution empowers the Tribal Council to negotiate and enter into contracts and agreements with state and local governments, private persons and corporate entities; *and*,

WHEREAS, Rutgers University desires to work together with the Tribe on the “Next Generation Community Leaders – Stronger Democracy Project” (the “Project”); *and*,

WHEREAS, the Project is intended to engage Tribal youth and offer opportunities to work on community projects and secure summer employment; *and*,

WHEREAS, Rutgers University has submitted a Memorandum of Understanding to the Tribe for purposes of memorializing each parties desire to commence work and outline the roles and responsibilities in the Project (the “MOU”); *and*,

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2021, the Tribal Council demonstrated its desire to enter this MOU by consensus vote of the majority; *and*,

WHEREAS, Tribal Council desires to ratify, affirm and confirms of the approval of the MOU attached hereto as Exhibit A

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby ratifies, affirms, and confirms the approval of the MOU with Rutgers University as attached hereto as Exhibit A.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby ratifies, affirms and confirms to the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence, other Officer of the Tribal Council, the requisite authority and power for an on behalf of the Tribe to execute the Agreement, in substantially the same form as Exhibit A, and take such further action necessary to effect the purposes of this Resolution.

All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed.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.

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 an Emergency Meeting thereof, duly 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 Weeden, Chairman
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council



EXHIBIT A

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH RUTGERS UNIVERSITY