



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
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2021-RES-049

**APPROVAL OF LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF
NANTUCKET SOUND AS TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTY
THROUGH THE NANTUCKET SOUND NATIONAL HISTORICAL
LANDMARK ACT**

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, since time immemorial, the Tribe has relied on Nantucket Sound to provide its tribal members sustenance considers this area of great importance historically and culturally to the Tribe;

WHEREAS, the Tribe has learned of a proposed bill, the Nantucket Sound, Historical Landmark Act, aimed at protecting the area in perpetuity due to its tribal significance;

WHEREAS, because of the importance of this sacred site to our tribal members, the Tribe desires to support the federal legislation and its effort to protect the Nantucket Sound in perpetuity;

WHEREAS, to show its support of these efforts, the Tribal Council desires to submit a letter of support with the Wampanoag of Gay Head Aquinnah in support of the Nantucket Sound Historical Landmark Act.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council desires to submit a letter of support with the Wampanoag Gay Head Aquinnah in support of the Nantucket Historical Landmark Act and its efforts to protect the area in perpetuity.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Tribal Council, or in his absence other Tribal Council Officer, is hereby authorized to take all necessary action to ensure the submission of the letter of support, in substantively the same form as attached as Exhibit A, and to take such other actions as are reasonable and necessary in furtherance of the execution or performance of this Resolution.

Effective immediately and until revoked or modified by the Tribal Council, pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, Section 2.A of the Constitution of the Mashpee Wampanoag. All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed.

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 11, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 4th day of August 2021, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members, with 0 opposing, and with 1 not voting.

Dated this 4th day of August, 2021.



Brian M. Weeden, CHAIRMAN
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie D. Jackson, SECRETARY
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

EXHIBIT A
LETTER OF SUPPORT