



**Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe**  
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**2021-RES-061**  
**RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF**  
**COMMERCE**  
**NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION**  
**ADMINISTRATION**  
**TRIBAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM**

**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 Tribal Council has notice from *U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program*; *and*

**WHEREAS**, under *Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program*; the Tribal Council seeks to deploy new broadband infrastructure to improve internet connectivity for Tribal members and community facilities *and*,

**WHEREAS**, on August 25, 2021, Tribal Council authorized the development and grant application preparation of the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Grant; *and*,

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council desires to ratify and confirm the approval of the grant submittal for the purposes stated therein; *and*,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Tribal Council hereby ratifies, affirms, confirms and authorizes the development and grant application preparation of *Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Grant*; *and*,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Tribal Council hereby ratifies, affirms, confirms and authorizes the submission of the *“Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Grant”* budget totaling ..... This proposed budget meets the applicable federal regulatory standard(s), tribal resolutions and policies in regards to IDC rate.

*This request is made on behalf of the Tribal Council and an IDC allocation should and does reflect the Tribe’s IDC responsibilities under previous resolutions of the Tribal Council; and,*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal TERO Director Winona Pocknett, shall be assigned duties as the “Grant Application Process Owner” and as such shall, with the cooperation of the Tribal Administrator/Operations Manager, provide the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council in advance, a scope of work or synopsis which is a Grants Info Sheet and Resolution for review, discussion and approval. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal TERO Department, shall research and collaborate with the appropriate Financial and Development Team to submit all required documentation pertaining to a complete and accurate grant application, meeting all deadlines for submission, *and,*

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Chairman of the Tribal Council, or his designee, is hereby authorized to take all necessary action to ensure the submission of the *“Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Grant”* proposal application is successful.

Effective immediately and until revoked or modified by the Tribal Council, pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, Sections 2.A. and D. of the Constitution of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

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.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2021.



Brian Weeden, Chairman  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council