



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
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2021-RES-065

NCAI RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NANTUCKET SOUND NATIONAL REGISTER LISTING AS A TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTY

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 National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) was established in 1944 and is the oldest and largest national organization of American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments; *and*

WHEREAS, American Indians hold certain sites sacred as a result of the site’s traditional and cultural religious significance to the Tribe’s people; *and*

WHEREAS, the NCAI has, since its formation, remained steadfast in opposition to harmful industrial development on sacred sites, such as Bears Ears, the Mojave Desert region, and the Badger-Two Medicine area; *and*

WHEREAS, because of the importance of this sacred site to our tribal members and in the spirit of preservation, the Tribe desires NCAI to support federal legislative efforts to protect Nantucket Sound as a site of historical and cultural significance to tribal nations in perpetuity; *and*

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, the Tribe has relied on Nantucket Sound to provide its tribal members sustenance and recognize the cultural associations to the area as being historically and spiritually significant to the Tribe;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council desires to submit a NCAI resolution in support of Nantucket Sound National Register Listing as a Traditional Cultural Property 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 NCAI resolution in support of Nantucket Sound National Register Listing as a Traditional Cultural Property, 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 15th day of September 2021, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 10 members, with 0 opposing, and with 0 not voting.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2021.



Brian M. Weeden, CHAIRMAN
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie D. Jackson, SECRETARY
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

EXHIBIT A
LETTER OF SUPPORT