



**Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe**  
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## **2021-RES-066**

### **RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF FEE AGREEMENT WITH ALISON LOWE FOR ICWA REPRESENTATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (“Tribe”) is a federally-recognized Indian tribe with a duly-enacted Constitution;

**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;

**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;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe desires to secure legal representation in the Tribe’s Department of Children and Families child custody proceedings in the courts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA);

**WHEREAS**, Attorney Alison Lowe has submitted a Fee Agreement to provide the aforementioned legal services for the Tribe pursuant to the ICWA;

**WHEREAS**, on or about September 23, 2021, the Tribal Council approved by consensus the Fee Agreement and now desires to confirm and ratify the approval of the Fee Agreement with Alison Lowe pursuant to the terms set forth therein in substantially the same form as attached in Exhibit A (the “Fee Agreement”);

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council desires confirm and ratify the approval of the Fee Agreement to provide the aforementioned consulting and advocacy service to the Tribe;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby confirms, ratifies and approves the Fee Agreement with Alison Lowe to provide the aforementioned legal services to the Tribe pursuant to the ICWA.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby grants 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 Fee 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All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed.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 10, constituting a quorum, were present at a regular Meeting thereof, duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members, with 0 opposing, and with 0 not voting.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.



Brian Weeden, Chairman  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

**EXHIBIT A**

**Fee Agreement Alison Lowe**