



**Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe**  
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## **2022-RES-006**

### **RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH DENTONS**

**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**, on December 31, 2021, the Littlefield Plaintiffs once again filed suit in *David Littlefield, et al. vs. United States Department of the Interior*, seeking, amongst other claims, to remove the trust status reaffirmed by the Department on December 23, 2021;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe desires to intervene in the litigation and defend its Reservation status from further assault by the business interests backing local residents;

**WHEREAS**, Dentons has represented the Tribe in previous litigation and has proposed an Engagement Agreement for legal representation in the intervention to be filed on the Tribe’s behalf (the “Engagement Agreement”);

**WHEREAS**, the Engagement Agreement sets out the scope of representation and deferred payment schedule as outlined therein;

**WHEREAS**, on January 12, 2022, the Tribal Council considered the Engagement Agreement and approved Dentons to represent the Tribe in its efforts to intervene in the pending litigation services by Motion;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council desires to confirm and ratify its approval of Denton’s legal

services as set forth in the Engagement Agreement in substantively the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit A;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council desires to approve the Engagement Agreement with Dentons for the scope described therein in substantively the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby confirms, ratifies and approves the Engagement Agreement with Dentons for legal representation in the above-captioned lawsuit filed in the District Court of Massachusetts in substantively the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit A.

**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 take execute the Engagement Agreement and to 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 11, constituting a quorum, were present at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof, duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022.



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Brian Weeden, Chairman  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

**EXHIBIT A**

**ENGAGEMENT LETTER**