



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
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2022-RES-008

APPROVAL OF MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE DECLARATION OF TRIBAL STEWARDSHIP, PROTECTION AND MONITORING OF RESERVATION LANDS

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

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council (the “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, peace, economic security and general welfare of the members of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article VI, § 2.C. to establish procedures and ordinance for the conduct of all tribal government business operations, except where precluded in the constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is authorized under Article VI, § 2.E. to prevent the sale, loss, or transfer of tribal land, and to manage the disposition, lease, encumbrance of tribal lands or interest in land inherited, acquired with tribal funds or other tribal assets; and

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag have been good stewards of the land since time immemorial and our aboriginal territory stretched far beyond modern day boundaries and colonial maps; and

WHEREAS, the current day Mashpee Wampanoag Reservation is comprised of approximately 321 acres of land held in trust by the United States of America for the benefit of our Tribe (the “Reservation”);

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes the importance of preserving our culture and traditions including the stewardship and protection of our Reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to ensure that all Reservation lands and those other lands held by the Tribe remain under the Tribe's stewardship, protection and are closely monitored to prevent trespass, nuisance and any other intrusion; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council hereby approves the issue of this *DECLARATION* of Tribal Stewardship, Protection and Monitoring of Reservation Lands; and

WHEREAS, Tribal Council hereby desires to authorize the Tribal Council Chairman, or his authorized Tribal Council designee, to take any such actions that are reasonable or necessary in furtherance of the execution or performance of this *DECLARATION*.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council hereby approves the issue of this *DECLARATION* of Tribal Stewardship, Protection and Monitoring of Reservation Lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council desires to approve and authorize the Chairman of the Tribal Council, or his authorized Tribal Council designee, to take all necessary action to ensure the implementation of this *DECLARATION* of Tribal Stewardship, Protection and Monitoring of Reservation Lands; and


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Tribal Council, or his Tribal Council designee, is hereby authorized to take all necessary action to ensure this *DECLARATION* of Tribal Stewardship, Protection and Monitoring of Reservation Lands is effective immediately and applies to the Reservation and all other lands held by the Tribe.

All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed. This resolution is effective immediately 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 11, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 2nd day of March, 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 2nd day of March 2022.



Brian Weeden, Chairman
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council