



**Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe**  
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## **2022-RES-015**

### **RATFICATION OF APPROVAL OF LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CALLAHAN, BARRACO, INMAN & BONZAGI P.C.**

**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 Tribal Council finds that it is of the utmost importance to ensure that Indian Child Welfare cases and other related matters receive adequate legal representation (“ICWA Matters”);

**WHEREAS**, the firm of Callahan, Barraco, Inman & Bonzagi (the “Callahan Firm”) handles an array of family matters and is equipped to offer the Tribe legal representation for ICWA matters;

**WHEREAS**, the Callahan Firm has submitted a Legal Services Agreement to provide the Tribe such legal services to the ICWA Department for the Tribal Council’s consideration (the “Agreement”);

**WHEREAS**, on March 21, 2022, the Tribal Council approved the Agreement with the Firm to provide the aforementioned legal services to the Tribe;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council desires to affirm, confirm and ratify the approval of the Agreement with the Firm to provide the aforementioned legal services to the Tribe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby affirms, confirms, ratifies and approves the Agreement with the Callahan Firm to provide the aforementioned legal services to the Tribe.

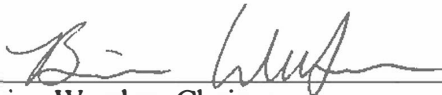
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby affirms, confirms and ratifies the grant to the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence, other Officer of the Tribal Council, the requisite authority and power for an on behalf of the Tribe to execute the Agreement with the Callahan Firm and take 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022 and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members, with 0 opposing, and with 1 not voting.

DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

  
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Brian Weeden, Chairman  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:

  
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Cassie Jackson, Secretary  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

**EXHIBIT A**

**Legal Services Agreement – Callahan, Barraco, Inman & Bonzagi**