



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
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2022-RES-042

EMERGENCY APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR LEGAL SERVICES FROM DORSEY & WHITNEY (TAX AND INDIAN LAW SERVICES)

- 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 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; and
- 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; and
- WHEREAS,** this Meeting is an emergency meeting of the Tribal Council within the meaning of the Constitution that has been duly convened by the Chairperson of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to Article IX, Section 1(e)(1) of the Constitution a quorum for this Meeting is seven (7) members of the Tribal Council; and,
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council finds that the Tribe is in urgent need of tax and legal services to assist in it in restructuring its tax exempt entities and organizations and ensuring that the entities are in compliance with applicable federal and state tax laws; and
- WHEREAS,** the Chairperson of the Tribe and those members of the Tribal Council in attendance of this meeting have determined that such finding and need to secure tax and legal services to assist the Tribe is critical and necessary for the preservation or protection of the immediate health, peace, safety, or property of the Tribe within the meaning of 2009-ORD-003 and the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to engage a law firm specializing in the above-mentioned services; and

WHEREAS, the firm of Dorsey & Whitney specialize in related Tax and Indian Law services and can advise the Tribe in these matters; and

WHEREAS, Dorsey & Whitney have submitted a proposal to provide the Tribe such legal services for the Tribal Council's consideration (the "Proposal");

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to approve the Proposal with Dorsey & Whitney to provide the aforementioned legal services to the Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby approves the Proposal from Dorsey & Whitney to provide the aforementioned legal services to the Tribe.

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 Proposal with Dorsey & Whitney 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.

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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 an Emergency Meeting thereof, duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 10th day of August, 2022 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 10th day of August, 2022.



Brian Weeden, Chairman
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

EXHIBIT A

PROPOSAL – DORSEY & WHITNEY

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