



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
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2022-RES-043

RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH WÔPANÂAK LANGUAGE RECLAMATION PROJECT (WLRP) REGARDING THE TRANSITION OF THE WEETUMUW SCHOOL

- WHEREAS,** the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (“Tribe”), is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with duly-enacted Constitution and the governing body of the Tribe is known as the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council (“Tribal Council”); and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council, deems it essential under Article VI, § 2.A of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Constitution (“Constitution”) to promote and protect the health, peace, morals, education, political integrity, economic security and general welfare of the Tribe and members of the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article VI, § 2 of the Constitution, the Tribal Council is empowered to exercise certain powers, including the power to promote and protect the economic security and general welfare of the Tribe and its members, and the power to negotiate and enter into contracts with other governments and with private persons and corporate entities; and
- WHEREAS,** on August 10, 2022, the Tribal Council determined that the Weetumuw School located on the Tribal reservation was in urgent need of financial support and assistance to ensure it can operate for the 2022-2023 school year and serve its Tribal citizens and such action was 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 Weetumuw School is a primary and elementary program that immerses students in Wampanoag culture and instills in them Wampanoag values through Wopanaak language and culture-based education for decolonization using a Montessori pedagogy that is located on the Tribe’s reservation lands located in Mashpee, MA; and
- WHEREAS,** the Weetumuw School has been operated by the WLRP since 2016 and currently enrolls 24 children ages 3-10 with 100% of enrollees being members or the children of members of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to own, operate and manage the Weetumuw School and commence a transition process to operate the school and serve its Tribal community; and

WHEREAS, the transition plan is memorialized in a Memorandum of Understanding in substantially the same form as attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “MOU”); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and the WLRP desire to enter into the MOU to formalize their understanding of the transition of ownership, operation and management of the Weetumuw School to the Tribe;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that it will benefit the Tribe to enter into an MOU memorializing the transition plan and formalizing the understanding between the parties concerning the transition of ownership, operation and management of the Weetumuw School to the Tribe;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to affirm, confirm and ratify its approval and authorization for the Tribal Council Chairman, or in his absence other Tribal Council Officer, to execute such MOU, and to take such other actions as are reasonable or necessary in furtherance of the execution or performance of such agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby affirms, confirms and ratifies the approval and authorization to execute the Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto as Exhibit A with the WLRP concerning the transition of ownership, operation and management of the Weetumuw School to the Tribe.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby affirms, confirms and ratifies its authorization for the the Tribal Chairman, or in his absence, other Tribal Council Officer, the requisite authority and power for an on behalf of the Tribe to execute the MOU and to take such other actions as are reasonable and necessary in furtherance of the execution or performance of the MOU.

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

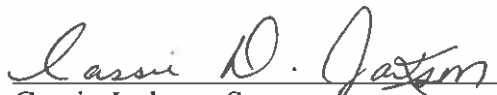
We, the undersigned duly elected Chairman and Secretary of the Tribal Council do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted on August 17, 2022, by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council which is composed of 13 members, of whom 9 constituting a quorum, were present at Regular meeting duly called, noticed, convened, and held on August 17, 2022 , and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members, with 0 opposing, and with 0 not voting and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2022.



Brian Weeden, Chairman
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council.

EXHIBIT A

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH WLRP