



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
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2023-RES-053

**TERMINATION OF DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO
RESPOND TO COVID-19**

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 and general welfare of the members of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, § 2.C of the Constitution empowers the Tribal Council to establish procedures for the conduct of all Tribal government business operations; and

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe recognizes the importance of being well prepared for any emergency which may face the Tribe and for partnering with other tribal, local, county, state, and federal entities when circumstances require a coordinated response; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Tribal Council acknowledged the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and the Commonwealth significantly affect the life and health of our people, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security, and safety of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by declaring a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** by and through the adoption of *2020-RES-023, Mashpee Wampanoag Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19*; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council determined that it was critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the people of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS; declaring a state of emergency facilitated and expedited the use of Federal resources and deployment of federal and interstate resources to protect persons from the impacts of the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March, 13th 2020, President Trump declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the “Stafford Act”); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council acknowledges that President Biden has announced that the nationwide public emergency will be terminated on May 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to terminate the **STATE OF EMERGENCY** in light of the recent developments and federal action.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council hereby approves the termination of the declaration of a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** effective immediately.


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Chairman of the Tribal Council, or in his absence or unavailability, other Tribal Council Officer, is hereby authorized with the requisite authority and power for and on behalf of the Tribe 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 in effect during the entire Grant period from the date below 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 12, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 14th day of June, 2023, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 11 members, with 0 opposing, and with 0 not voting.

DATED this 14th day of June, 2023.


Brian Weeden, Chairman
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:

Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council