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**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2023-RES-056
AMENDED AND RESTATED MWT
TRIBAL BROADBAND TASK FORCE**

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, 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, the Tribal Council is empowered under Article VI, § 2.D. of the Constitution to negotiate and enter into contracts and agreements with Federal, State and Local governments; *and*,

WHEREAS, the development and implementation of broadband infrastructure and services are critical to the Tribe's economic, educational, and cultural growth and advancement, as well as to the health and safety of its members; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council recognizes the need for a comprehensive and strategic approach to broadband planning and development that reflects the unique needs and priorities of the Tribe and its members; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council acknowledges the importance of engaging and collaborating with knowledgeable and experienced stakeholders in the development and implementation of such a plan; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to establish a Tribal Broadband Task Force ("Task Force") to serve as an advisory body to the T.E.R.O. and provide guidance and recommendations on broadband strategic planning and developments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council hereby establishes the Tribal Broadband Task Force to develop and inform Tribal Broadband strategic planning and developments. The Task Force shall consist of no less than five (5) and no more than eight (8) members, appointed by the Tribal Council, with expertise in broadband infrastructure, telecommunications, community development, and related fields.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force shall be responsible for, among other things:

1. Advising the Tribal Council on the development and implementation of a comprehensive broadband strategic plan that reflects the unique needs and priorities of the Tribe and its members;
2. Providing recommendations and guidance on broadband infrastructure development, including feasibility studies, design, construction, and deployment;
3. Identifying and pursuing funding opportunities for broadband infrastructure and services;
4. Collaborating with Tribal departments, programs, and other stakeholders to ensure the effective and efficient deployment and utilization of broadband infrastructure and services;
5. Monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness and impact of broadband infrastructure and services on the Tribe and its members, and recommending adjustments and improvements as necessary.
6. The Task Force will develop processes and procedures for TC approval

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall submit regular reports to the Tribal Council on its activities, progress, and recommendations, and shall operate under the direction and guidance of the Tribal Council.


Effective immediately and until revoked or modified by the Tribal Council, pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, Sections 2.A. and D. of the Constitution of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

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 13 constituting a quorum, were resent at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 24th day of May, 2023 and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 12, members, with 0, opposing, and with 0, not voting.

DATED this 24th day of May, 2023



Brian Weeden, Chairman
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe



Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe