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**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2023-RES-063**

RATIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO INCORPORATE AND ESTABLISH LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM WITHIN PUBLIC LAW 93-638 CONSOLIDATED TRIBAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAM

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 contracts with other governments and with private persons and corporate entities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a recipient of funds through *P.L. 93-638, the Self Determination and Education Assistance Act* to operate the Tribal Government and serve its tribal community (the “638 Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe’s geographic service area is located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the number of tribal members currently enrolled and who are eligible to receive benefits and services is 2,951; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has significant law enforcement needs and cannot adequately serve its tribal community and protect its Tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe received notice of additional funding available under the Fiscal Year 2023 Consolidated Appropriations Act to offer law enforcement funding to Tribes not currently receiving direct services or funds from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”); and

WHEREAS, on or about June 6, 2023, the Tribe submitted a request to secure such funding to establish a new law enforcement element in their 638 Contract (the “Funding Request”); and

WHEREAS, the Funding Request included a proposed annual budget for law enforcement to ensure adequate services are provided to the Tribe including any necessary start-up costs; and

WHEREAS, because of the Tribe’s urgent law enforcement needs, on or about June 6, 2023, the Tribal Council authorized by consensus approval the submission of the Funding Request and Annual Budget to the BIA that acknowledged the Tribal Council’s authorization to incorporate and establish a law enforcement program within the Tribe’s 638 Contract; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to ratify, affirm, confirm, and approve the authorization to submit the Funding Request and Annual Budget to the BIA for prompt review and consideration and in accordance with the designated deadline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby ratifies, affirms, confirms, and approves the authorization to submit the Funding Request and Annual Budget to the BIA for prompt review and consideration and in accordance with the designated deadline.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby ratifies, affirms, confirms, and approves the Tribal Council Chairman, or in his absence, other Tribal Council Officer, the requisite authority and power for and on behalf of the to take all necessary action to ensure the submission of the Funding Request and Annual Budget to the BIA is successful.

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.

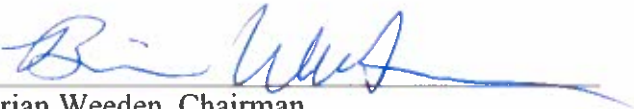
All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed. This resolution is effective immediately and shall continue pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, §§ 2.A. and D. of the Constitution.

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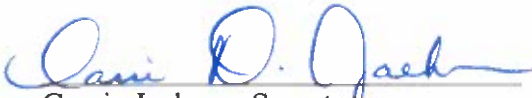
CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned duly elected Chairman and Secretary of the Tribal Council do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted on June 14, 2023 by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council which is composed of 13 members, of whom 12 constituting a quorum, were present at an regular meeting duly called, noticed, convened, and held on June 14, 2023, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 11 members, with 0 opposing, and with 0 not voting and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 14th date of June, 2023


Brian Weeden, Chairman
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:


Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council