



**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE
TRIBAL COUNCIL**

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**2023-RES-075
MWT Historic Preservation Department
Capacity Building and Collaboration
Agreement**

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, 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 Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Historic Preservation Department under the direction of Tribal Council is responsible for the protection and preservation of all Tribal historic and cultural resources under 2012-ORD-003; and

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe means to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (B.O.E.M.) termed the Mashpee Capacity and Collaboration Agreement (MCCA) by and between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and BOEM; and

WHEREAS, the "Capacity Building and Collaboration Agreement" will further the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Geographic Information System development to enable broad scale mapping capabilities that will enable the department to responsibly manage, analyze and process archaeological, environmental and ecological information during section 106 scoping processes; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to fully understand and evaluate the potential impacts related to BOEM's offshore wind (O.S.W.) undertakings which may adversely impact submerged culturally associated land forms, sensitive marine ecological areas and cultural heritage sites; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's strategy is to develop internal G.I.S. mapping to fully analyze the data provided in order to make informed decisions, facilitate more effective collaboration, steer discussions based on findings and determinations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe accepts and approves execution of the cooperative agreement with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (B.O.E.M.) termed the Mashpee Capacity and Collaboration Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council directs the Mashpee Wampanoag THPD to work with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (B.O.E.M.) to ensure that the Tribe's interests are protected during any planning and scoping processes related to OSW undertakings that may potentially affect submerged culturally associated land forms, sensitive marine ecological areas, and or cultural heritage sites; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council directs the Mashpee Wampanoag THPD to provide regular updates and reports to the Tribal Council regarding the progress and outcomes of the Mashpee Capacity and Collaboration Agreement; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute any necessary documents related to the awarded Mashpee Capacity and Collaboration Agreement and to take any and all other actions necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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 award 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 present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 12th day of July, 2023, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 11 members, with 0 opposing, and with 1 not voting.

DATED: This 12th day of July, 2023

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Weeden".

Brian Weeden, Chairman
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cassie Jackson".

Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council