



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
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**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2023-RES-101
APPROVAL OF DATA AND MATERIAL SHARING AND
OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF
RHODE ISLAND**

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 under Article VI, § 2.A. of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Constitution (“Constitution”) to promote and protect the political integrity, economic security and general welfare of the Tribe and members of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, § 2.D. of the Constitution empowers the Tribal Council to negotiate and enter into contracts and agreements with state and local governments, private persons and corporate entities; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to enter a collaborative relationship with the University of Rhode Island for the development, implementation and dissemination of the Tribe participate in the Research and Community engagement known as Sources, Transport, Exposure & Effects of PFAS Superfund Research Program Community Engagement Core – Tribal Research and Engagement Project” (the “STEEP Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Tribe acknowledges that this Project is funded by a federal grant awarded to the University and must comply with all applicable federal laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the STEEP Project is to understand the levels of awareness and understanding of PFAS among the Tribal community, document the importance and fishing and shellfishing to tribal cultural identities, measure PFAS from fish samples and to develop culturally relevant messaging to inform the tribal community on how to minimize PFAS exposure risks; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to enter a Data and Material Ownership Agreement with the University for the purposes of defining the goals of the program and the obligations and responsibilities of each party in substantively the same form as attached in Exhibit A (the “Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to approve the Agreement in accordance with the terms provided in Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby approves the Agreement in accordance with the terms provided in Exhibit A.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby approves the authorization of the Tribal Council Chairman, or in his absence, other Tribal Council Officer, the requisite authority and power for and on behalf of the Tribe to execute the Agreement and 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 pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, §§ 2.A. and D. of the Constitution.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned Presiding Officer and Acting Secretary of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 13 members of whom 9, constituting a quorum, were present at a regular meeting thereof, duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 11th day of October, 2023 and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members, with 0 opposing, and with 0 not voting.

DATED this 11th day of October, 2023.



Cassie Jackson, Presiding Officer
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Winona Pocknett, Acting Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

EXHIBIT A

MATERIAL SHARING AND OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT