



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
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Tribal Council Resolution 2023-RES-113

RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION SUPPORTING CHAIRMAN BRIAN M. WEEDEN NOMINATION OF NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI) EXECUTIVE BOARD 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (“Tribe”) is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe with a duly-enacted Constitution;

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;

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;

WHEREAS, the National Congress of American Indians, founded in 1944, is the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interest of Tribal governments and communities;

WHEREAS, NCAI’s purpose is to serve as a forum for unified policy development among tribal governments in order to: (1) protect and advance tribal governance and treaty rights; (2) promote the economic development and health and welfare in Indian and Alaskan Native communities; and (3) educated the public toward a better understanding of Indian and Alaskan Native tribes;

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has maintained relations and membership with NCAI for over four decades;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council received notice from the *National Congress of American Indians* of elections for Executive Board seats;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council acknowledges that Tribal Council Chairman Brian Weeden was nominated as National Congress of American Indians Executive Board 1st Vice President;

WHEREAS, on or about November 15, 2023, by consensus approval, the Tribal Council declared its support for such a nomination and for Chairman Weeden to serve, if duly elected, as National Congress of American Indians Executive Board 1st Vice President;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desires to ratify, confirm, and affirm the approval and authorization for Chairman Weeden to take all steps necessary to submit his candidacy for the National Congress of American Indians Executive Board 1st Vice President and to uphold NCAI's constitution and purpose;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council hereby ratifies, confirms and affirms its support for Chairman Brian M. Weeden's candidacy for the National Congress of American Indians Executive Board 1st Vice President to uphold NCAI's constitution and purpose.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, this resolution ratifies, confirms and affirms the Tribe's submittal of its official notice of support for Chairman Brian M. Weeden candidacy for NCAI Executive Board 1st Vice President and authorization to serve in this capacity, if duly elected.

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 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 above resolution was duly adopted on December 6, 2023 by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council which is composed of 13 members of whom 12, constituting a quorum, voted by consensus to approve the foregoing Resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of 11 members, with 0 opposing, and with 0 not voting.

DATED this 6th day of December, 2023.



Brian Weeden, Chairman
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council