



**Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe**

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**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

**2023-RES-114**

**APPROVAL OF TERMINATION OF ZOOM MEETING ACCESS AND  
AUTHORIZATION TO INQUIRE CONCERNING LIVESTREAM  
BROADCAST OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**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 (the “Constitution”) to promote and protect the health and general welfare of the members of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council is authorized, under Article VI, §2.C. to establish procedures for the conduct of all tribal government business operations, except where elsewhere precluded in the Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council acknowledges it must uphold its duty in Article IX, §1(c) that “[a]ll meetings of the Tribal Council called under this Article shall be open to Tribal members who shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard under such rules as the Tribal Council may prescribe....”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council acknowledges that 2017-ORD-007, Amended and Restated Meetings of the Tribal Council, provides in Section 4(b), Open Meetings, that “[a]ttendance at Tribal Council meetings shall be open to enrolled members of their Tribes and their spouses when accompanied by their Tribal member spouse and invited guests who submitted a request and had been approved to appear on the meeting agenda....”; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2020, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tribal Council declared a STATE OF EMERGENCY and began taking special precautions to best ensure the health and safety of its tribal members. Such precautions included allowing the membership to access Tribal Council meetings via zoom capabilities to encourage social distancing and protect its most vulnerable Tribal members; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 14, 2023, the Tribal Council terminated the STATE OF EMERGENCY and resumed regular governmental operations and procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, because the Tribe has resumed regular operations and safety precautions are no longer necessary, the Tribal Council desires to terminate Zoom meeting access for Tribal members who may still attend Tribal Council meetings in-person, as scheduled; and

**WHEREAS**, Tribal Council intends to allow Zoom meeting access, when approved in advance by the Presiding Officer, for invited presenters, guests or other participants; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council intends to research and inquire concerning livestream broadcasting and capabilities that may be used in the future to broadcast meetings to the Tribal community while ensuring Tribal business is protected from the public at large.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, because the (COVID-19) STATE OF EMERGENCY has been lifted, the Tribal Council hereby terminates Zoom meeting access for Tribal members and authorizes limited Zoom meeting access for invited presenters, guests or other participants that have been approved by the Presiding Officer.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, the Tribe Council hereby authorizes inquiry and research into livestream broadcasting and capabilities that may be used in the future.


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.

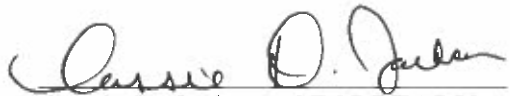
**CERTIFICATION**

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 12, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 11 members, with 0 opposing, and with 0 not voting.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

  
Brian M. Weeden, CHAIRMAN  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:

  
Cassie D. Jackson, SECRETARY  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council