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**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2023-RES-118
APPROVAL ESTABLISHING THE MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE
HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE**

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 to promote and protect the health and general welfare of the members of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe recognizes the need for all Tribal members be afforded safe, stable, affordable, accessible and permanent housing, and

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe wishes to improve service coordination to support Tribal members experiencing homelessness, poverty, hunger, social isolation, addiction, domestic violence, and related issues; and

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe strives to expand services and resources for Tribal members who are facing homelessness and help our neediest obtain stable and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2023, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council voted unanimously to approve 2023-RES-096 Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Declaration of a State of Emergency Due to the Homelessness Crisis; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2023, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council was charged with drafting a resolution to establish a homeless task force to identify the need and address the Tribes homeless issue; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council hereby establishes the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Homelessness Task Force (the “Task Force”) to identify solutions to address Tribal homelessness crisis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Force will seek additional funding and resources to address the homeless crisis within the Tribe and explore creative and collaborative opportunities for housing development and supportive services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Force shall meet at least once a month or, as needed, to fulfill its purpose. A quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Task Force shall be the majority of its seven (7) members comprised of the following: (1) Homeless Manager, (1) Housing Department Homeless Caseworker, (1) Homeland Security Representative, (1) Emergency Management Representative, (1) Substance Use Representative, A Mental/Behavioral Health Representative and (1) member at large. Members shall serve a two-year term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Force will appoint officers from within to serve as Chairperson and Secretary by an affirmative vote of a majority of all members present at a duly called meeting. The Chairperson shall serve as the official representative of the Task Force, preside over the meetings, set the agenda of the meetings, provide monthly reports to the Tribal Council, and perform such other duties that the Tribal Council may require. The Secretary shall keep full and accurate records of all meetings and actions taken by the Task Force. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Secretary will assume the roles and responsibilities of the Chairperson. Officers shall serve a one-year term. Officer appointments will be scheduled no later than the members meeting prior to the expiration of the officer’s terms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council shall have the authority to review and request reports of the Task Force activities, recommendations and decisions at any time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Force, a subordinate body to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, retains all rights of sovereign immunity of the Tribe and shall not have the authority to waive the sovereign immunity of the Tribe or any of its officers, agents, attorneys, or employees, or anyone else acting at the direction of and on behalf of the Tribe unless otherwise provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Tribal Council may remove members from his/her position for “Just Cause” upon the recommendation of three (3) or more of the regular voting members of the board and/or a majority vote of the Tribal Council. “Just Cause” may include, but is not limited to:

1. A conviction of drug-related criminal activity, sex offenses, or capital crimes, and/or falsification of information.
2. A dereliction of duty by missing more than three (3) or more consecutive meetings without being excused by the Chairperson.
3. Disregard of policies or procedures.
4. Public misconduct that reflects poorly upon the Tribe and its members.
5. Violation of applicable Tribal law or policies.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Tribal Council, or in his absence or unavailability, other Tribal Council Officer, is hereby authorized to take all necessary action to enforce and take such other actions as are reasonable and necessary in furtherance of the execution or performance of this Resolution and shall remain in effect until such time as the Tribal Council determines that the homelessness crisis among Tribal members is adequately addressed and remedied.

Effective immediately and until revoked or modified by the Tribal Council, pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, Section 2.A of the Constitution of the Mashpee Wampanoag. All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed.

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 25th day of October 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 6th day of December, 2023.



Brian M. Weeden, CHAIRMAN
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie D. Jackson, SECRETARY
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council