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**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION**  
**2024-RES-008**  
**APPROVAL OF TRIBAL BENEFIT AGREEMENT WITH**  
**VINEYARD OFFSHORE, LLC**

**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 is aware that Vineyard Offshore, LLC is the leaseholder of two commercial wind energy leases on the Outer Continental Shelf that are located within the MA Wind Energy Area and the New York Bight Wind Energy Area (“Vineyard Projects”); and

**WHEREAS,** Vineyard Offshore, LLC may develop 3 stand-alone projects within the described Energy Areas to connect power to landing points in Massachusetts, New York and Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed development area for the Vineyard Projects is of great historical and cultural significance to the Tribe and the submerged lands are considered part of the Tribe’s aboriginal territories; and

**WHEREAS,** Vineyard Offshore, LLC recognizes the Tribe’s efforts to be good stewards of the

land and sea and seeks to collaborate and support these continued efforts; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe desires to establish a relationship with Vineyard that ensures the Tribal community is engaged, educated and supported through educational, cultural, historic and other initiatives related to the Vineyard Projects; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe and Vineyard have negotiated a Tribal Benefit Agreement that will create a collaborative relationship between the parties and establish the parameters for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Offshore Wind Community Fund that will be created to serve and benefit the Tribal community (the “Fund”); and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribe intends to promptly establish the Fund for the purpose of supporting initiatives in education, environment, cultural and historical resources and preservation as well as other related areas; and

**WHEREAS,** the Tribes desires to enter the Tribal Benefit Agreement with Vineyard Offshore LLC, in substantively the same form as Exhibit A (the “Agreement”).

**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 Vice Chairperson and Secretary of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 13 members of whom 10, constituting a quorum, were present at a regular meeting thereof, duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024 and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members, with 0 opposing, and with 1 not voting.

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.



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Carlton Hendricks, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

**EXHIBIT A**  
**COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENT (Redacted)**