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TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION
2024-RES-009
APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION OF WAMPANOAG NEW
YEAR AS AN OFFICIAL MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE
HOLIDAY

- 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,** the Tribal Council, by and through its Tribal Council Chairman, has the authority pursuant to Part 4, Section 403(A) in the Employee Handbook to proclaim holidays for the Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council honors Spring as the time of new life, the growing season, harvesting and the migration of herring; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe honors our ancestral ways in which Spring was the time to move from our winter homes to our summer sites; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council wishes to rename and replace Native American Day with “Wampanoag New Year”; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe hereby memorializes the Monday immediately following Mothers Day to be observed as “Wampanoag New Year” an official Tribal holiday duly proclaimed by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Chairman and Tribal Council and set forth on the Annual Calendar; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Tribal Council, in honor of Mother Earth and all our relations, hereby proclaim the Monday immediately following Mothers Day as “Wampanoag New Year” and will be recognized as an official Tribal holiday duly proclaimed by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Chairman and Tribal Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, while many states and tribes may observe Native American Day, we, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe will hereby and ever after memorialize this day each calendar year as “Wampanoag New Year” to celebrate our culture, traditions, heritage, history and to honor our ancestral ways of life which help to sustain our very existence since time immemorial.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council hereby grants to 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 proclaim “Wampanoag New Year – an official Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Holiday 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 14th day of February, 2024 and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members, with 0 opposing, and with 0 not voting.

DATED this 14th day of February, 2024.



Carlton Hendricks, Jr, Vice Chairman
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council