



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE

483 Great Neck Rd. South
Mashpee, MA 02649

TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

2024-RES-015

REPLACEMENT OF "GOOD FRIDAY" WITH "BENJAMIN F. HALLETT DAY" OF THE MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE'S RECOGNIZED HOLIDAY CALENDAR

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

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag 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 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; and

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe recognizes the invaluable contributions and unwavering support of Benjamin F. Hallett towards the elevation of the tribe's sovereignty and the assertion of its rights;

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Hallett, in his capacity as legal counsel for the Mashpee Indians, courageously advocated for the tribe's inherent rights to our lands, vehemently opposing oppressive laws that denied us of our rightful property and self-governance;

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Hallett's legal prowess and dedication resulted in significant strides towards justice and self-government for the Mashpee Indians, as evidenced by his defense of William Apes, Daniel Amos, and others in our rightful protests against injustices inflicted upon them;

WHEREAS, the District of Mashpee, in its legal annual meeting on March 9th, 1852, passed a resolution expressing profound gratitude towards Benjamin F. Hallett for his gentlemanly conduct, untiring efforts, and ardent philanthropy in restoring the tribe's rights of self-government, with only two dissenting votes;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council hereby honors and commemorates the legacy of Benjamin F. Hallett by officially designating a day in his honor as "Benjamin F. Hallett Day";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that "Good Friday" shall be replaced in the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's calendar with "Benjamin F. Hallett Day," to be observed annually on the same date;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be communicated to the tribal community and included in all official tribal communications and calendars, as a testament to the enduring gratitude and respect the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe holds for Benjamin F. Hallett's contributions to our sovereignty and well-being.

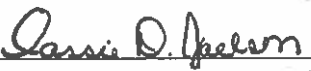
All resolutions or parts of resolutions inconsistent with this resolution are repealed. This resolution is effective immediately and until revoked or modified by the Tribal Council pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, §§ 2.A. and D of the Constitution of the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

CERTIFICATION


We, the undersigned Chairperson and Secretary of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 13 members of whom 13, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 28th day of February 2024, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members, with 2 opposing, and with 2 abstaining.

DATED this 28th day of February, 2024.

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal
Council



Brian Weeden, Chairman
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal
Council