



# MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE

483 Great Neck Rd. South  
Mashpee, MA 02649

## TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2024-RES-018

### APPROVAL OF SUBAWARD AGREEMENT WITH MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT)

- 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 MIT has secured grant funding through the US Department of Commerce – National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”) and MIT is seeking a subawardee to perform certain research related activities in support of its programs in connection with Disaster Preparedness for Coastal Communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the project known as “Oil Spill Disaster Preparedness for Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Coastal Aquaculture Operations and Cultural Resources” (the “Research Project”) is being submitted to the Sea Grant Special Projects Competition FY 2022 Disaster Preparedness for Coastal Communities (the “Grant”) for consideration as subawardee;
- WHEREAS,** if the Project is funded by the Grant, the Tribe will participate, by and through the Natural Resources Department and Emergency Management Department, and assist with coordination and facilitation of workshops; integration of Traditional Local Knowledge and cultural relevance; recruitment and evaluations (the “Scope of Work”); and
- WHEREAS,** MIT has proposed a Subaward Agreement outlining the subaward parameters of the Research Project, Scope of Work and reimbursement of costs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribe desires to participate in the Research Project and perform the required Scope of Work pursuant to the Subaward Agreement; and
- WHEREAS,** the Tribes desires to enter the Subaward Agreement with MIT 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 an 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 Chairperson and Secretary of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of 13 members of whom 11, constituting a quorum, were present at a regular meeting thereof, duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024 and that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 10 members, with 0 opposing, and with 0 not voting.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.



Brian Weeden, Chairman  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Cassie Jackson, Secretary  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

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