



## Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

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### Tribal Council Resolution

2024-RES-020

## Approval and Support for Chairman Weeden's Application to "Tribal Leadership Academy at Dartmouth"

**WHEREAS**, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (the "Tribe") is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe with a duly-enacted Constitution; and the governing body of the Tribe is known as the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council (the "Tribal Council"); *and*

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Constitution (the "Constitution"), Article, VI "*Tribal Council*" Section 1(a), "*Composition, Qualifications, Terms of Office, Officers and Committees*", the Tribal Council shall be composed of 13 members of the Tribe who are registered to vote, 11 of whom, including a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be elected by majority vote of all registered tribal voters; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Article VI, Section 2.A., "*Enumerated Powers of the Tribal Council*" of the Constitution provides that the Tribal Council is empowered to protect the health, peace, morals, education, political integrity, economic security, and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Article VII, Section 1, "*Duties of the Chairperson*" of the Constitution empowers the Chairperson to preside over all meetings of the Tribal Council and perform the usual duties of a Chairperson including, but not limited to, acting as the official spokesperson for the Tribe, engaging in public relations, serving as coordinator over all Tribal government activities, and exercising any authority delegated to the Chairperson by the Tribal Council; *and*

**WHEREAS**, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Chairman Brian Moskwetah Weeden was duly elected Tribal Chairman on May 16, 2021 by the registered voters of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and shall serve a four year term according to Article VI (C) of the Constitution; *and*

**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Leadership Academy (TLA) at Dartmouth College provides a place for newly elected or appointed tribal governmental leaders to engage with each other and with experienced faculty presenters on governance matters of vital importance to tribal nations; *and*

**WHEREAS**, TLA will convene 25 tribal government leaders to gather and consider best governance practices that are appropriate for their unique tribal nations, including:

- Strategies for enhancing intergovernmental relations with state and federal government
- Stimulating their local reservation economies
- Managing reservation natural resources
- Improving the delivery and outcomes of health care systems
- Developing more effective systems of criminal justice within their tribal communities;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council acknowledges the benefit to be received from attendance at the TLA, which will provide instruction and relationship building; and

**WHEREAS**, Tribal Council Chairman, Brian Moskwetah Weeden, desires to submit an application to the TLA program, which, by and through the Dartmouth College, will cover the costs of travel and attendance for elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council desires to support the Tribal Council Chairman's application for the "Tribal Leadership Academy at Dartmouth College" to be held in Hanover, New Hampshire from August 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the Tribe, a letter of support shall be drafted and submitted with the TLA application to offer the Tribe's support with the understanding that the Tribal Council Chairman, as attendee, will share the information, insights and strategies with fellow Tribal Councilors upon return.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council hereby memorializes its support for the Tribal Council Chairman, Brian Weeden, application to the "Tribal Leadership Academy at Dartmouth College" taking place in Hanover, New Hampshire from August 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, The Tribal Council authorizes the submission of a letter of support for Chairman Weeden's successful TLA application.

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. 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 13 constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof, duly and regularly called, noticed, convened, and held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 11 members, with 0 opposing, and 1 not voting.

DATED this 28<sup>TH</sup>, day of February, 2024.



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Brian M. Weeden, Chairman  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:



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Cassie D. Jackson, Secretary  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council