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**TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION**  
**2024-RES-022**  
**RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL OF THE SUBMITTAL OF 2024**  
**N.A.G.P.R.A. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTATION GRANT**

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

**WHEREAS,** the Tribal Council, deems it essential under Article VI, § 2.A of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Constitution (“Constitution”) to promote and protect the health, peace, morals, education, political integrity, economic security and general welfare of the Tribe and members of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS,** Pursuant to Article VI, § 2 of the Constitution, the Tribal Council is empowered to exercise certain powers, including the power to promote and protect the economic security and general welfare of the Tribe and its members, and the power to negotiate and enter into contracts with other governments and with private persons and corporate entities; and

**WHEREAS,** Tribal Council passed 2012-ORD-003 which established the Tribal Historic Preservation Department and § 2.4 Repatriation established the Repatriation Officer and delegated the Role and Responsibilities associated with Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (N.A.G.P.R.A.) compliance enforcement; and

**WHEREAS,** § 2.4 Repatriation of the 2012-ORD-003 requires the Tribal Historic Preservation Department (THPD) and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) support and coordinate N.A.G.P.R.A. program responsibilities in collaboration with the Tribe’s N.A.G.P.R.A. Officer and in compliance facilitating repatriation activities in consultation with the THPD Commission; and

**WHEREAS,** the THPD identified the National Park Service of a N.A.G.P.R.A. Consultation and Documentation grant opportunity, which aligns and supports the “MWT N.A.G.P.R.A. 2024 Consultation and Documentation Project” (the project); and

**WHEREAS**, the project aims to enable, empower and support the MWT's THPD, N.A.G.P.R.A. Officer and T.H.P.O.'s work directly related to repatriation of remains and funerary objects that have been identified recently and represent unreported Wampanoag human remains within existing Institution's collections and repositories; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will support the processing of a back log of information in to a digital format, updating our existing N.A.G.P.R.A. repatriated inventories database, integrate N.A.G.P.R.A. information into our G.I.S. database development, salary cost for a G.I.S. technical assistance, develop comprehensive G.I.S. mapping layer of repatriated inventories, and cover anticipated program costs related to these N.A.G.P.R.A. efforts, stipend allowances for cultural keepers, elders, and artisans engagement, coordination of meetings, participation in determinations of cultural association, document reviews, drafting and issuing MWT THPD findings on N.A.G.P.R.A. notices on behalf of the N.A.G.P.R.A. Officers to modernize records associated with all re-interments; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about March 8, 2024, the Tribal Council, by consensus vote, approved and authorized the submittal of the N.A.G.P.R.A. "2024 NADIMO Consultation Documentation Grant" Application to the National Park Service which includes direct costs of \$67,000.00 and indirect costs \$33,000.00 and total request of \$100,000.00 (the "NAGPRA Submittal"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council desires to affirm, confirm and ratify the approval and authorization for the NAGPRA Submittal.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby affirms, confirms and ratifies the approval and authorization to submit the N.A.G.P.R.A. "2024 NADIMO Consultation Documentation Grant" Application to the National Park Service.

**FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council hereby affirms, confirms and ratifies the approval and authorization for the Tribal Council Chairman, or in his absence, other Tribal Council Officer, to have the requisite authority and power for and on behalf of the Tribe take any and all necessary action to ensure the submission of the N.A.G.P.R.A. "2024 NADIMO Consultation Documentation Grant" Application is successful.

Effective immediately and until revoked or modified by the Tribal Council, pursuant to the authority vested in the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VI, Sections 2.A. and D. of the Constitution of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.


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.

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## 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.

  
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Brian Weeden, Chairman  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council

ATTEST:

  
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Cassie Jackson, Secretary  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council