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**MASHPEE WAMPANOAG ELECTION COMMITTEE
DECLARATION OF POSTPONEMENT
OF THE 2021 REGULAR ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian tribe with a duly enacted Constitution;

WHEREAS, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council (“Council”) is the governing body of the Tribe;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IV, § 4(b) of the Tribal Constitution, the Mashpee Wampanoag Election Committee (“Committee”) is the Council-appointed tribal body responsible for enforcing the Tribal election laws and conducting Tribal elections;

WHEREAS, pursuant Article IV, § 4(c) of the Tribal Constitution, the Committee shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to the Committee by ordinance;

WHEREAS, pursuant Article IV, § 5 of the Tribal Constitution, the Council enacted the “2016-ORD-014, Amended and Restated Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Election Ordinance” (the “Election Ordinance”) that provides the requirements and procedures for the holding of Tribal elections and delegates certain express powers to the Committee necessary to administer Tribal elections;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4(B) of the Election Ordinance, the Committee, in its discretion, is authorized to postpone any regular or special election due to an emergency, severe whether event, or other act of god or nature for a period of not less than 7 days nor more than 30 days from the originally-scheduled date of election;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4(B) of the Election Ordinance, the Committee, in its discretion, may further postpone a rescheduled election in the event that an emergency, severe whether event, or other act of god or nature further necessitates such action;

WHEREAS, due to the national health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee determined that conducting the 2021 Regular Election under existing tribal law and policies would threaten the health, safety, and wellbeing of the Tribe and its members;

WHEREAS, the Committee determined that, consistent with Section 4(B) of the Election Ordinance, the public health emergency caused by COVID-19 constituted an emergency and required postponement of the 2021 Regular Election;

WHEREAS, in December of 2020, the Committee declared that the 2021 Regular Election was postponed and rescheduled from February 12, 2021 to March 14, 2021;

WHEREAS, additional time was needed to amend, and receive Council approval of such amendments, the Election Ordinance in order to adopt certain measures and procedures that would protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Tribe and its members in light of the ongoing and worsening health crisis presented by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the current emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, as described herein, continues, and the Committee requires additional time to formalize and implement alternative election and voting procedures necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Tribe and its members and to ensure a fair, accurate, and safe tribal election.

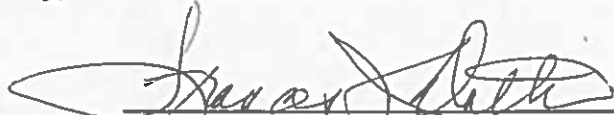
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, pursuant to Section 4(B) of the Election Ordinance, the Committee unanimously makes the following declarations:

1. The COVID-19 pandemic constitutes an emergency necessitating further postponement of the 2021 Regular Election;
2. The 2021 Regular Election is hereby rescheduled and shall take place on March 26, 2021; and
3. The 2021 Regular Election will be conducted in conformance with the provisions of the Election Ordinance, as amended, and details on any changes to the method and location of voting and the process of candidate certification shall be made public as soon as available.

CERTIFICATION

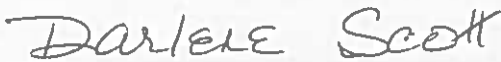
We, the undersigned Chairperson and Secretary of the Mashpee Wampanoag Election Committee, do hereby certify that the Mashpee Wampanoag Election Committee, being currently composed of 4 members of whom 4, constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting thereof held on the 19th day of January, 2021, and that the foregoing declaration was duly adopted by the affirmative vote of 4 members, with 0 opposing, and with 0 not voting.

DATED this 20th day of January, 2021.



Chairperson, Mashpee Wampanoag Election Committee

ATTEST:



Secretary, Mashpee Wampanoag Election Committee