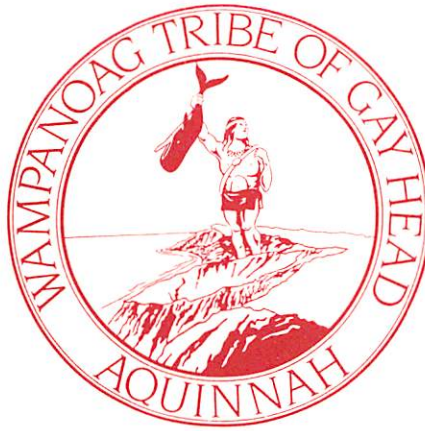


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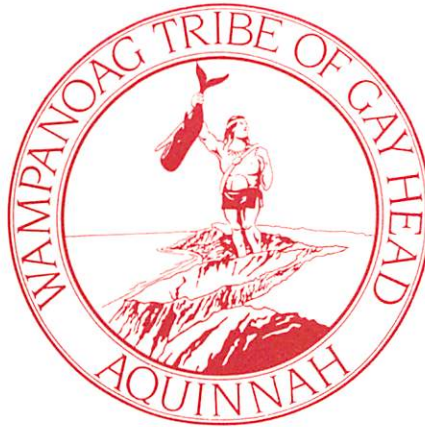
Re: WTGH(A) Support of H.R. 1964, the Lumbee Recognition Act

The attached Resolution #2019-023 is a certified resolution from the Tribal Council of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) in support of the Lumbee Recognition Act and encouraging Congress to enact H.R. 1964 The Lumbee Recognition Act.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any additional documentation.

Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, Chairwoman

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RESOLUTION #2019-0023

A Resolution in Support of H.R. 1964, the Lumbee Recognition Act

WHEREAS, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), is a sovereign Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council is the elected governing body of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), acknowledged on April 10, 1987, which exists as an Indian Tribe within the meaning of Federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) has adopted a Constitution in order to sustain and perfect its historic form of tribal government; and

WHEREAS, the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and its members are eligible for all services and benefits provided by the federal government to Indians of federally recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has enacted diverse programming and services out of concern for the future health, safety, and welfare of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina is an amalgamation of various Siouan, Algonquian, and Iroquoian-speaking tribes that have historically occupied the south-central lands along the Lumber River (also known as the Lumbee River); and

WHEREAS, the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina was first recognized by the state of North Carolina in 1885 and has sought full federal recognition from the United States of America since 1888; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 1956, Congress passed legislation that designated the Lumbee as an Indian people, but withheld full federal recognition for the Lumbee and eligibility for federal services (“Act of June 7, 1956”); and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1964, also known as the Lumbee Recognition Act, amends the Act of June 7, 1956 to extend federal recognition to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and make its members eligible for the services and benefits provided to members of federally recognized tribes; and

A FEDERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED TRIBE

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Tribal Council authorizes the submission of this Resolution in support of the Lumbee Recognition Act and encourages Congress to enact H.R. 1964, the Lumbee Recognition Act.

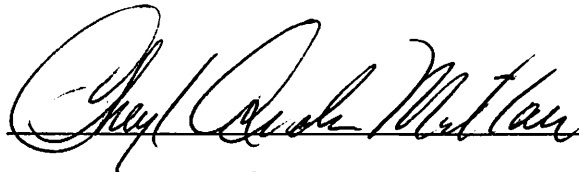
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council authorizes the Chairperson and other appropriate officers to sign all documents and carry out actions related to this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any material change(s) to this document will require the approval of the Tribal Council.

CERTIFICATION: A motion was made and duly seconded to adopt the above resolution at the meeting of the Tribal Council of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) on November 20, 2019 there being a quorum present.

The motion was carried by a vote of 10 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.

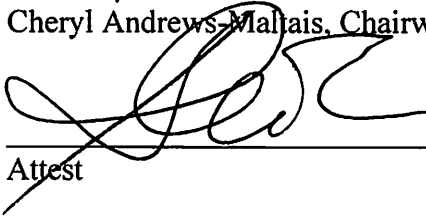
I certify that the above resolution reflects a true and accurate representation of action taken at the regularly scheduled meeting of the governing board of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), there being a quorum present.



Cheryl Andrews-Mallais, Chairwoman

11/20/19

Date



Attest

11/21/19

Date

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