Resolution Declaring the Annual Observance of July 14th as Samson Occom Day

WHEREAS the Brothertown Indian Nation Council is the governing body for the Brothertown Indians, elected in accordance with the Brothertown Indian Nation Constitution; and

WHEREAS it is the duty and privilege of the Brothertown Indian Nation Council to act as guardian of the Nation’s sovereignty and advocate for the welfare of its people; and

WHEREAS it is critical to the Brothertown Indian Nation Council to honor those generations that have come before us, and to ensure our history and teachings are shared with future generations in a good way; and

WHEREAS the celebration of our Tribal anniversaries is an important expression and preservation of our Tribal memory and sovereignty; and

WHEREAS Reverend Samson Occom (1723- July 14, 1792) lived among us and did cooperate with The Creator to greatly assist in the organization, propagation, and commemoration of the Brothertown Indians.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION COUNCIL that the Reverend Samson Occom be remembered annually by the Brothertown people on the anniversary of his death, July 14th, and that this date be ever after known by them as Samson Occom Day.