

THE MOHEGAN TRIBE OF INDIANS OF CONNECTICUT
Resolution No. 2022-46

*Support of Federal Legislation to Reestablish Government-to-Government Relationship
With The Brothertown Indian Nation*

WHEREAS, the Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut (the "Mohegan Tribe") is an American Indian Tribe recognized by the government of the United States pursuant to the provisions of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 83; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX, Section 2 of the Mohegan Tribe Constitution (the "Constitution"), the Mohegan Tribal Council ("Tribal Council") has the authority to exercise all executive and legislative powers reasonable and necessary to achieve the tribal goals set forth in the Constitution, including to approve agreements with tribal and federal governments, to promote and protect the health, peace, morals, education, and general welfare of the Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, Samson Occom, a famous Mohegan, was instrumental to the founding of the Brothertown Indian Nation ("Brothertown Nation") and as such the Mohegan Tribe and the Brothertown Nation maintain a unique historical relationship; and

WHEREAS, the Brothertown Nation was previously and unambiguously acknowledged by Congress through confirmation of a reservation by ratification of the Treaty of October 27, 1832, 7 Stat. 405; and

WHEREAS, in 1839 Congress effectively terminated the federal relationship with Brothertown Nation through enactment of legislation "for the relief of the Brothertown Indians;" and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 1980, the Brothertown Nation petitioned for Federal acknowledgment from the Department of the Interior; and

WHEREAS, more than 42 years later, the Department of the Interior issued a final determination that only Congress, through Federal legislation, may restore the government-to-government relationship with the Brothertown Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Brothertown Indian Nation is actively seeking Federal legislation to restore its federally recognized status and has shared its proposed Federal legislation with the Mohegan Tribe.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council, on behalf of the Mohegan Tribe, strongly supports federal legislation, substantively similar to the proposed legislation, to restore the government-to-government relationship with the Brothertown Nation and to include the Brothertown Nation on the list of Federally Recognized Tribes for all purposes.

Dated this 4th day of August 2022, at Uncasville, Connecticut.

THE MOHEGAN TRIBE OF INDIANS OF
CONNECTICUT

By: 
R. James Gessner, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:



Patricia A. LaPierre, Recording Secretary