A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF
INDIANS DESIGNATING AN INDIAN SACRED SITE AT THE DELAWARE
MORAVIAN VILLAGE OF SCHÖNBRUNN, AN OHIO HISTORIC SITE

RESOLUTION 2017-40
Submitted by L. Heady, DTHPO Special Assistant

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribal Council is authorized by Article V of the Constitution and Bylaws of
the Delaware Tribe of Indians to represent and act in all matters that concern the general welfare of
the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 13007 of May 24, 1996 has established executive policy for
accommodation and protection of Indian Sacred Sites on Federal lands in furtherance of the
American Indian Religious Freedom Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 13007, an Indian Sacred Site is a site that is identified by
an Indian tribe as sacred by virtue of its established religious significance to, or ceremonial use by,
an Indian religion; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 13007, the identification and designation of an Indian
Sacred Site on Federal land is the sole province and determination of the affected Indian Tribe or
Indian religious practitioners; and

WHEREAS, it falls within the inherent sovereign power and responsibility of the Delaware Tribe of
Indians to identify and designate Indian Sacred Sites and strive for their protection regardless of
land ownership; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, with the assistance and concurrence of the Ohio History Connection, eighty-
three (83) individual Lenape Ancestors of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Delaware Nation, and
the Stockbridge Munsee Community were repatriated and reburied at the “Historic Village of
Schöenbrunn,” an historic Delaware Indian Village site; and

WHEREAS, this place of reburial has great spiritual significance to all Lenape descendants in that it
restores the Ancestors to the peace and dignity that was wrongfully disturbed; and

WHEREAS, this place of spiritual significance to all Lenape descendants is located in the historic
Delaware Indian Village of Schönbrunn or Schoenbrunn in Tuscarawas County, in the State of Ohio,

[Redact as necessary]

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians
does hereby designate and declare this place to be an Indian Sacred Site, subject to the full
protection and accommodation provided for in State and Federal law, including Executive Order
13007 and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act.
CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing was considered by the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and adopted this 19th day of December 2017 with a vote of ___ yes, ___ no, and of ___ abstaining.

Chet Brooks, Chief

Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary