A RESOLUTION OF THE DELAWARE TRIBAL COUNCIL TO
AUTHORIZE AND SUPPORT THE DELAWARE TRIBE’S FY2018
NAGPRA CONSULTATION/DOCUMENTATION GRANT
PROPOSAL

RESOLUTION 2018-06
Submitted by B. Obermeyer, DTHPO Director

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, the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 1990 established a
tool for federally recognized tribes to use to identify and repatriate human remains and funerary
objects from museums as well as grant opportunities to support such work; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office has been using the provisions of
NAGPRA in order to consult with museums holding human remains and funerary objects from
the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark in Trenton, NJ in order to identify the cultural
affiliation of the remains; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribe Historic Preservation Office completed a cultural affiliation
study of the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark which determined that there were was a
preponderance of evidence that the remains from the landmark were culturally affiliated with the
Delaware Tribe and copies of this study were shared with our museum partners; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribe and the Delaware Nation hosted a consultation meeting with
six of the museums with human remains and funerary objects from the Abbott Farm National
Historic Landmark in order to present our cultural affiliation study in person and come to a
shared cultural affiliation determination; and

WHEREAS, five of the six museums have since carried out more detailed research based on our
evidence and have or have nearly completed this research which continues to produce diverse
cultural affiliation determinations; and

WHEREAS, The Delaware Tribal Council feels strongly that these ancestral remains are
culturally affiliated and recognizes the need to complete the documentation and affiliation
process for these collections before we can proceed with the repatriation and reburial of our
ancestral remains; and
WHEREAS, the Delaware Tribal Council firmly supports the submission of a NAGPRA grant proposal to the National Park Service for funding that will better enable the Delaware Tribe’s Historic Preservation Office to present further evidence for affiliation and finalize consultation with our museum partners so that we may reach our goal of repatriating the human remains and funerary objects from the Abbott Farm National Historic Landmark.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians does hereby authorize the submission of the grant proposal and attachments entitled, FY 2018 NAGPRA Consultation/Documentation Grant to the National Park Service for approval.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing was considered by the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and adopted this ___ day of _______________ 2018 with a vote of ___ yes, ___ no, and of ___ abstaining.

Chet Brooks, Chief  

Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary