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**A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS DESIGNATING AN INDIAN SACRED SITE ON FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS AT ELLIS ISLAND WITHIN THE STATUE OF LIBERTY NATIONAL MONUMENT PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 13007**

**RESOLUTION 2017-43**

*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**, with the assistance and concurrence of the National Park Service, three (3) individual Lenape Ancestors of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Delaware Nation, and the Stockbridge Munsee Community were repatriated and reburied at Ellis Island, part of the Statue of Liberty National Monument in 2003; 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

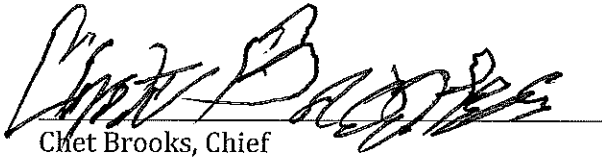
**WHEREAS**, this place of spiritual significance to all Lenape descendants is located in Lenapehòkink, at a location on Ellis Island in the Upper Bay of the mouth of the Hudson River, c


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**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 19<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER 2017 with a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, and of 0 abstaining.

  
Chet Brooks, Chief

  
Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary

