A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO DEVELOP A TASK FORCE TO IDENTIFY, ASSESS, RECLAIM and IMPLEMENT TRADITIONAL LENAPE FOODS, MEDICINES, AND LIFEWAYS

RESOLUTION 2022-21

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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, pursuant to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Delaware Tribe of Indians, the Tribe's governing body is the Delaware Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS, since time immemorial, Lenape’ok have had intimate and long-standing relationships with the land, forests, oceans and waters, creating vibrant and sustainable food systems. All aspects of life supported a sustainable and safe food system that relied upon hunting, fishing, gathering, preserving, storing, distributing, trading and more; and

WHEREAS, food sovereignty is the right to healthy and culturally appropriate food produced through ecologically sound and sustainable methods. Food sovereignty also includes the right to define and control our own food and agriculture systems, including markets, production modes, food cultures and environments; and

WHEREAS, traditional foods are not only healthy for the body, but they also provide a cultural connection that is important for spiritual health. Throughout history, Indigenous people have been farmers and scientists who developed innovative techniques and practices; and

WHEREAS, the task force will engage with historic documents, oral histories, education, tribal Elders and tribal youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians does hereby authorize and approve a task force to identify, assess, reclaim and implement traditional Lenape foods, medicines, and lifeways.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing was considered by the Delaware Tribal Council of the Delaware Tribe of Indians and adopted this 19 day of MARCH 2022 with a vote of 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 abstaining.

Brad KillsCrow, Chief

Attested by: Nicky Kay Michael, Secretary