

## **Greetings From the Staff of the Enrollment Department**

The Mashpee Wampanoag Enrollment Department assists both the Enrollment Committee and individuals by ensuring all documents required for enrollment application are completed and included in the applicant's file. The Enrollment Department DOES NOT conduct genealogical research on behalf of the applicant. In accordance with tribal enrollment law; it is the responsibility of the applicant to conduct his/her own genealogical research and supply such research to the Enrollment Committee within his/her application.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is but one of 69 original tribes within the Wampanoag Nation. It is important to understand that while a person may have Wampanoag ancestry, it does not mean that it is necessarily Mashpee Wampanoag ancestry. If you have Wampanoag ancestry, it could be that your ancestors were from any one of the other 68 tribes in the Wampanoag Nation. **The Mashpee Wampanoag Enrollment Department and the Mashpee Wampanoag Enrollment Committee only process applications for citizenship for those individuals showing ancestry to the 1859 Milton Earl Report of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.**

It is important to note that an applicant must meet four separate criteria in order to be enrolled as citizens of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. Having and proving lineage to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe does not entitle an applicant to citizenship. It is only one of the four requirements. For a list of all requirements of, and application process for, citizenship, see 'Enrollment Ordinance of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe'.

### **For enrolled citizens and departments of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe**

#### **The Enrollment Department is pleased to assist with the following:**

- New applications
- Direction with incomplete or incorrectly filed applications
- Indian Child Welfare (ICWA) certifications to district and tribal courts
- Demographic Data necessary for completion of department reporting requirements and grant applications.
- Enrollment status queries by applicants
- New citizen data enrollment at authorization of the Enrollment Committee
- Denied applicant data entry at the authorization of the Enrollment Committee
- Copies of vital records via Release-of-Information request(s) made by enrolled citizens
- New and duplicate identification cards for citizens and employees of the tribe
- Change of address
- Legal name change on the tribal roll (note: you must provide documentation attesting a change of name)

**\*\*\*\*\*Important\*\*\*\*\***

**The Enrollment Department provides the mailing list for all tribal mailings. If you do not change your address with the Enrollment Department upon your move, you will not receive vital mail from the tribe.**