



UPPER MATTAPONI TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11

SUPPORTING UPPER MATTAPONI TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP IN "UNITY"

A Resolution to authorize and support the Upper Mattaponi Tribal Youth Council's membership in UNITY, United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc., to enhance youth leadership, cultural preservation, and community engagement.,

At a duly called General Meeting of the Upper Mattaponi Tribal Council held this 27th day of September, 2025, the following Resolution and Law were adopted.

WHEREAS, the Upper Mattaponi Tribe ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian nation with inherent powers of self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Mattaponi Tribal Youth Council ("TYC") is an established body representing the youth citizens of the Tribe, whose mission is to engage tribal youth by encouraging participation in tribal activities, nurturing an understanding of tribal governance, and building a strong sense of cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, the TYC envisions a future where young citizens are connected to their heritage, actively involved in tribal life, and working together as the next generation of leaders, grounded in the values of solidarity, perseverance, involvement, respect, integrity, and tradition; and

WHEREAS, the United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. ("UNITY") is a national organization dedicated to fostering the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian youth, supporting the growth of strong, unified, and self-reliant Native communities through youth leadership development, cultural preservation, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, UNITY provides a national network of affiliated youth councils, offering leadership development training, peer mentorship, cultural exchange, and opportunities for tribal youth to participate in regional and national advocacy efforts; and

WHEREAS, joining UNITY will support the TYC's mission and vision by connecting its members to a broader community of Native youth leaders, expanding opportunities for leadership training, networking, cultural sharing, and community building; and

WHEREAS, the TYC has expressed its desire and commitment to formally join UNITY and participate actively in its programs and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Mattaponi Tribal Council (“Council”) recognizes the importance of supporting the empowerment and leadership development of tribal youth and affirms its support for the TYC’s engagement with UNITY.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Council hereby authorizes and supports the Upper Mattaponi Tribal Youth Council’s application for membership in UNITY, United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc., and encourages continued participation in programs that promote youth leadership, education, cultural preservation, and community service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council acknowledges that any required membership dues or associated costs for participation in UNITY shall be coordinated through the appropriate tribal budgetary process, subject to availability of funds and in accordance with tribal financial policies.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Upper Mattaponi Tribal Council.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly voted upon by the Council on the 27th day of September 2025, at a General Meeting with a vote of 7 in favor and 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, and 0 absent, pursuant to the authority vested in the Council by the Constitution of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe.



Secretary of the Council or Designee

SPONSOR: Councilperson D. Dyer

COUNCILMEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Rob Adams	✓			
Ken Adams	✓			
Wilma Hicks	✓			
Sonny Knighton	✓			
Desirée Dyer	✓			
Owen Adams	✓			
Beth Gondos	✓			

ASSISTANT CHIEF (Authorized to break tie votes only): _____**DELIVERY OF THE RESOLUTION AND LAW TO THE CHIEF**

Resolution No. 2025-11 was presented to the Chief of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe on the 29th day of September, 2025, pursuant to Article VII, Section 5(f) of the Constitution of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe, and will become effective after signature by the Chief or veto override by the Council.


Secretary of the Council or Designee

CHIEF'S ACTIONS:☒ Approved☐ Veto – Returned to Council with Explanation

On this 29th day of September, 2025.


Chief

Presented to Chief and Council on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

COUNCIL'S ACTIONS:

Override of the Chief's Veto –

☐ Yes☐ No

COUNCILMEMBERS	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Rob Adams				
Ken Adams				
Wilma Hicks				
Sonny Knighton				
Desirée Dyer				
Owen Adams				
Beth Gondos				

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Resolution was duly voted upon by the Council on _____ day of _____, 2025, at a General Meeting with a vote of _____ in favor and _____ opposed, _____ abstaining, and _____ absent, pursuant to the authority vested in the Council by the Constitution of the Upper Mattaponi Tribe.

Secretary of the Council or Designee

