

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COURT
YOUTH COURT
SQUAXIN ISLAND RESERVATION

IN RE: ADOPTION:

Case No.:

_____, an Indian child

TRIBE'S RESPONSE TO _____'S
PETITION TO ADOPT SITC § 10.20

DOB:

_____, Petitioner

Note on Motion Calendar:

_____ day, _____, 2006
9:30 AM

Comes now the Squaxin Island Tribe, through its Indian Child Welfare (ICW) offices, and responds to _____ petition to adopt the minor child _____ filed on _____ pursuant to Squaxin Island Tribe's Youth Code § 10.20.

1. Jurisdiction. The child is an Indian child within the meaning of SITC § _____. The petitioner is an enrolled member of the Squaxin Island Tribe. The child's birth mother is an enrolled member of the _____ Indian Tribe. The Squaxin Island Youth Court has jurisdiction pursuant to SITC § _____.

2. Eligibility. The child's birth father filed a petition for the voluntary termination of his parental rights with this petition for adoption. Assuming that the petition for voluntary termination is granted, the child is eligible for adoption under SITC § _____.

1 **3. Pre-Adoption Report.** The ICW completed its Pre-Adoption report filed herewith. In
2 preparing the report the ICW consulted with [list: the youth's birth mother, the petitioner, the terminating
3 birth father.] The ICW also conferred with the Family Wellness Team. The Team recommends
4 granting [rejecting] the petition. The ICW also conferred with the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council
5 [does not oppose the adoption; rather, it recommends that the petition be granted][does not
6 object][objects][recommends that the petition be denied]. The ICW Pre-Adoption Report concludes that
7 the adoption is [not] in the best interests of the youth and that the petition should be granted [denied].

8 **4. Temporary Decree of Adoption.** The ICW recommends that the Court grant the
9 petition for adoption upon entry of the order terminating the parental rights of the birth father. The ICW
10 recommends, consistent with SITC § ___ that the decree be effective for one year and subject to a
11 review hearing no less than one year after the entry of its order granting the petition. The ICW further
12 recommends that the adoption decree become effective by its own terms if, at the one-year review
13 hearing, the youth's circumstances and conditions have not changed so much that the Tribal Council
14 opposes the permanent decree and/or the permanent decree is no longer in the best interests of the
15 child. The ICW files a proposed order herewith.

16 Respectfully submitted this ___ day of ____, 2006.

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19 Kevin R. Lyon
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court and with _____, the petitioner; _____, the birth mother; _____, the terminating birth father, _____, ICW Case Worker, and Raymond Peters, Executive Director Squaxin Island Tribe, by inter-office mail or first class mail on _____, 2006.

DATED this __ day of _____, 2006.

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