



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 21-27

of the

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965;

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill its duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of Tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council finds that regulating enrollment is essential to the health and welfare of the Squaxin Island Tribe and its members;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe in 2007 began experiencing a substantial increase in enrollment applications;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council desired to carefully consider the ramifications of a large influx of new enrollees;

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2009, the Tribal Council in Resolution 09-02 imposed a moratorium on approving new enrollment applications, with exceptions, pending adoption of an Enrollment Code in order to avoid uncertainty with respect to enrollment decisions;

WHEREAS, Resolution 09-02 created exceptions to the moratorium by allowing new enrollment applications to be processed for: (1) children one year and younger born to Squaxin Island Tribal members; and (2) all children born to Squaxin Island Tribal members if their applications were filed within 60 days of the effective date of Resolution 09-02 (February 12, 2009);

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council subsequently adopted an Enrollment Code that governs enrollment matters;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution No. 16-59 which declared that Resolution 09-02 shall no longer be in effect; that applications for enrollment shall be evaluated and processed in the normal course and consistent with the Enrollment Code, including but not limited to § 5.02.010.F.1 that encompasses adoptees as persons “born to” Squaxin members under Constitution § 1(E); except that the following two categories of applications for enrollment shall not be processed: (1) individuals relinquishing from another tribe; and (2) individuals who are direct descendents of persons who were original allottees, or were listed on the Charles Roblin’s Schedule of Unenrolled Indians or 1940 Census, but were born to a person who was not a member of the Squaxin Island Tribe;

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 16-59 further declared that its objectives are to lift the moratorium expressed in Resolution 09-02; and to process all applications for enrollment except those for: (1) individuals relinquishing from another tribe; and (2) individuals who are direct descendents of person who were original allottees, or were listed on the Charles Roblin’s Schedule of Unenrolled Indians or 1940 Census, but were born to a non-Squaxin member;

WHEREAS, the Council desires to clarify its interpretation of the term “relinquishing” in exception no. (1) in Resolution No. 16-59 as having the same meaning as “relinquished” for enrollment purposes in order to discourage persons currently enrolled with another tribe from disenrolling in order to obtain Squaxin membership while the moratorium is in effect, and to amend Resolution No. 16-59 to reflect this interpretation;

WHEREAS, the Tribe has been assessing, and continues to assess, the effects of the moratorium and options for fully or partially lifting it; the nature and number of enrollment applications that have been submitted and will likely be submitted in the future; and approaches for preserving and perpetuating the unique identity of the Squaxin Indian Tribe into the future;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 16-59 is amended as follows:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on the effective date of this Resolution, Resolution 09-02 shall no longer be in effect; that applications for enrollment shall be evaluated and processed in the normal course and consistent with the Enrollment Code, including but not limited to § 5.02.010.F.1 that encompasses adoptees as persons “born to” Squaxin members under Constitution § 1(E); except that the following two categories of applications for enrollment shall not be processed: (1) individuals relinquishing or relinquished from another tribe; and (2) individuals who are direct descendents of persons who were original allottees, or were listed on the Charles Roblin’s Schedule of Unenrolled Indians or 1940 Census, but were born to a person who was not a member of the Squaxin Island Tribe;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the objectives of this Resolution are to lift the moratorium expressed in Resolution 09-02; and to process all applications for enrollment except those for: (1) individuals relinquishing or relinquished from another tribe; and (2) individuals who are direct descendents of person who were original allottees, or were listed on the Charles Roblin’s Schedule of Unenrolled Indians or 1940 Census, but were born to a non-Squaxin member;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this amendment clarifies the interpretation and intent of Council and with respect to existing law and therefore shall be retroactive in effect to the adoption of Resolution No. 16-59.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the special meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on, May 27, 2021, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.

Kristopher K. Peters

[Kristopher K. Peters \(May 27, 2021 12:56 PDT\)](#)

Kris Peters, Chairman

Jeremie Walls

Attested by: [Jeremie Walls \(May 27, 2021 12:57 PDT\)](#)

Jeremie Walls, Secretary

Charlene Krise

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Charlene Krise, Vice Chairman












Enrollment Resolution clarifying moratorium

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