



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 22-47

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

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;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their 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 Court wishes to adopt a General Welfare Code to provide assistance in order to promote the general welfare and best interests of the Tribe and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council further finds that all such need-based assistance provided to promote the general welfare to the Tribe is, and has been, intended to reflect the sovereign act of a legislative body under the General Welfare Doctrine;

WHEREAS, the Tribe desires to affirm its sovereign right to provide assistance on non-taxable basis, pursuant to the General Welfare Doctrine, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service, permitting a sovereign tribal government, subject to certain conditions, to provide assistance to its citizens without that assistance subjecting the recipients to federal income tax liabilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby adopts the attached General Welfare Code and "Opt-In Program," effective immediately.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 28 day of July, 2022, 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 \(Jul 29, 2022 13:12 PDT\)](#)

Kris Peters, Chair

[Signature]
Attested by: [Patrick Braese \(Jul 29, 2022 13:13 PDT\)](#)

Patrick Braese, Secretary

Jaimie Cruz

[Jaimie Cruz \(Aug 1, 2022 11:50 PDT\)](#)

Jaimie Cruz, Vice Chair












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