



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 22-49

of the

### SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council (the "Tribal Council") is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe (the "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 Counsel and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Indian Child Welfare Act ("ICWA") mandates that it is in every child's best interest to be protected from harm and to prevent the unnecessary trauma that occurs when children are removed from their family, culture and community; and

**WHEREAS**, national Indian and non-Indian organizations, state governments, members of Congress, tribes and tribal communities and thousands of Alaska Native and Native American ("AI/NA") individuals have supported ICWA as an essential and effective policy that protects the best interests of AI/NA children; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe has the authority to take action to protect its youth members from improper removal from their homes, families, Tribe and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe wishes to support the Native American Rights Fund ("NARF") in the legal effort to protect the National Indian Child Welfare Act;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribe's Chairman is hereby authorized to inform NARF, through the attached properly filled out "sample tribal letter" that the Squaxin Island Tribe would like NARF to represent the Tribe's interests in an amicus brief before the Supreme Court of the United States.

**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 13:16 PDT)

Kris Peters, Chair

Attested by:

  
Patrick Braese (Jul 29, 2022 13:18 PDT)

Patrick Braese, Secretary

*Jaimie Cruz*

Jaimie Cruz (Aug 1, 2022 11:51 PDT)

Jaimie Cruz, Vice Chair

**Tribal Statement of Commitment to Tribal Amicus Brief  
in *Haaland v. Brackeen* (U.S. Supreme Court – Merits Phase)**

I, Kris Peters, the Chairman of the  
[Name] [Title]

Squaxin Island Tribe (“Tribe”), hereby authorize the Native American  
[Name of Tribe or Tribal Council]

Rights Fund (“NARF”) to add the Tribe’s name to the Tribal Amicus Brief that will be filed with

the United States Supreme Court in August 2022 in the case *Haaland v. Brackeen*. The Tribal

Amicus Brief will represent the Tribe’s interests in defending the Indian Child Welfare Act.

NARF is offering its services *pro bono*, and there is no cost to the Tribe for its participation on

the Tribal Amicus Brief.

The Tribe should be identified on the brief as: Squaxin Island Tribe.  
[Tribe’s Full Name]

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[Signature]

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[Date]

Name: Kris Peters

Title: Chairman











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