

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE



RESOLUTION NO. 21-52

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, as amended; and

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; 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 Tribe and the Mason County Sheriff's Office ("MCSO") have for many years been parties to Memorandums of Understanding ("MOU"), the last entered April 1, 2016, that address among other things the allocation of responsibility for enforcement, arrest and prosecution, the determination of where charges are filed and prosecuted, and the special commission of Squaxin Island police officers; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe and MCSO desire to amend the existing MOU to strike the provision related to allocating jurisdiction and to substitute a provision whereby the MCSO jointly refers criminal matters to the parties' prosecutors and thereafter, the Tribe's prosecutor confers with County's prosecutor as to which jurisdiction is best suited to prosecute;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council authorizes its Chair, Kris Peters, to sign an amendment to the MOU with MCSO in substantially the same form as the attached Amendment No. 1 at time and place mutually agreeable to the Tribe and the MCSO.

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 12 day of August, 2021, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions

Kris Peters, Chairman

Attested by:

Patrick Braese, Secretary

Charlene Knise

Charlene Krise (Aug 18, 2021 15:17 PDT)

Charlene Krise, Vice Chairman

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