



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 21-57

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; 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 the tribal members, and with protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; and

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has announced the availability of grant funds under the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program to expand access to and adoption of: (i) broadband service on Tribal Land; or (ii) for programs that promote the use of broadband to access remote learning, telework, or telehealth resources during the COVID-19 pandemic.; and; and

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribe recognizes that the Tribe is in need of funds to: 1) Expand broadband to areas that lack dark fiber to critical facilities and locations on the Squaxin reservation and; 2) To provide low or no cost internet services to Squaxin community during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Squaxin Island Tribe acknowledges a significant need to increase broadband connectivity during the pandemic in order to meet the needs of the Squaxin community; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) requires that each eligible entity applying for Broadband Infrastructure Deployment must submit a Resolution of Consent from each Tribal Government, from the Tribal Council of appropriate governing body, upon whose Tribal Lands the infrastructure will be deployed; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby attest that this resolution shall serve as the “Resolution of Consent” and all areas included in the Squaxin Island Broadband Infrastructure Project include Tribal lands that are within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Squaxin Island Reservation and Tribe; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, authorizes the submission of this application to the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) under the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (Broadband Use & Deployment and Broadband Use & Adoption), to expand broadband to critical facilities/location and provide low cost or free internet access to Squaxin communities; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Tribal Administrator, Director of Operations or Director of Information Systems to be the Tribe’s signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization on this particular project; **and**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that these authorities shall be for the duration of the project.

**CERTIFICATION**

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 26 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.

*Kristopher K. Peters*  
Kristopher K. Peters (Aug 26, 2021 15:11 PDT)

**Kristopher K. Peters, Chairman**

**Attested by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Patrick Braese, Secretary**

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**Charlene Krise, Vice Chairman**