



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 21-59

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; and

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 special meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 30 day of Septembr, 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 (Oct 1, 2021 11:38 PDT)

Kris Peters, Chairman

Patrick Braese

Attested by: Patrick Braese (Oct 1, 2021 16:42 PDT)

Patrick Braese, Secretary

Charlene Krise

Charlene Krise (Oct 1, 2021 12:55 PDT)

Charlene Krise, Vice Chairman

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

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

Squaxin Island Tribe (“Tribe”), hereby authorize the Native American
[Tribe’s Name]
Rights Fund (“NARF”) to represent the Tribe’s interests on an amicus brief (“Tribal
Amicus Brief”) supporting the cert petitions filed by the Tribal Intervenors and the U.S.
Department of Justice in the case *Brackeen v. Haaland*. NARF is offering its services
pro bono, and there is no cost to the Tribe for its participation on this brief.

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

Kristopher K. Peters
Kristopher K. Peters (Oct 1, 2021 11:38 PDT)
[Signature]

Oct 1, 2021
[Date]

Name: Kris Peters

Title: Chairman











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