



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 22- 76

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 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 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 Tribal Council has received numerous complaints about the condition of individual allotment 157 HC 3603-C, beneficially owned by Donald (Lynn) Whitener, from Tribal members, neighbors, community members, and county officials; and

WHEREAS, said allotment contains significant accumulated solid waste, and environmentally unsuitable living conditions; and

WHEREAS, the condition of the allotment is harmful to surrounding individual allotment owners in Squaxin Island Indian Country, the environment, and the Tribe's relationship with neighboring jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the allotment is presently occupied by a number of tenants; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (“BIA”) has twice provided notice to the beneficial owner that no lease for the allotment has been approved as required by applicable federal regulations; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial owner has made no attempt to present a conforming lease for approval to the BIA; and

WHEREAS, the current tenants are therefore unlawfully present upon the allotment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council officially requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Solicitor take any steps necessary to prevent the trespass occurring on allotment 157 HC 3603-C, including but not limited to referring the matter to the Department of Justice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that Council directs its Administrator, its Law Enforcement, and its Legal Department to provide any assistance to the BIA, the Office of the Solicitor and the DOJ as may be reasonably necessary to assist in this matter.

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 10th day of November, 2022, 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 (Nov 15, 2022 11:39 PST)

Kris Peters, Chair

Attested by: 

Patrick Braese, Secretary

Jaimie Cruz

Jaimie Cruz (Nov 15, 2022 13:29 PST)

Jaimie Cruz, Vice Chair











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