



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 10-114 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 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**, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government; and

**WHEREAS**, under the Constitution and the 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 an established commitment to and history of working to obtain funding from various sources, including federal and tribal funding, for on-reservation and off-reservation transportation projects of importance to the Tribe and the surrounding community; and,

**WHEREAS**, public transportation is an ongoing need in rural areas where the Squaxin Island Tribe operates the Squaxin Transit program, a free community transit service for Squaxin and non-Squaxin riders in Mason, Grays Harbor and Thurston Counties, connecting with Mason County Transit Authority and Grays Harbor Transit; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council remains committed to support Squaxin Transit, ensuring that everyone has reliable transportation and access to opportunities leading to successful employment, improved quality of life, and self-sufficiency; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has announced the availability of funds in the 2011-2013 biennium Public Transportation State and Federal Grant Program for public transportation services in rural communities where limited or no service is currently available; and,

**WHEREAS**, the goals of the 2011-2013 biennium Public Transportation State and Federal Grant Program are: a) to address deficiencies, b) provide a community benefit, c) preservation or enhancement, d) community connections, e) financial partnerships, and f) support coordination; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribe is a member of the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RPTO), a group tasked to develop a Human Services Public Transportation Coordination Plan of regional transit priorities for state and federal funding;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby approve Squaxin Transits project description within the Human Services Public Transportation Coordination Plan:

- 1) Continue to operate Squaxin Transit, the only public transit service for residents of the Squaxin Island Reservation and the Kamilche area. Squaxin Transit provides essential on-and near-reservation service and critical connections to major employment, shopping and medical service centers in Thurston and Mason Counties. Squaxin Transit operates a Transit Hub at the US 101/SR 108 interchange, and coordinates with Mason Transit Authority to meet regional transportation needs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby support the submittal to the 2011-2013 biennium Public Transportation Consolidated Grant Program application requesting \$189,813.00 to sustain operation of Squaxin Transit:

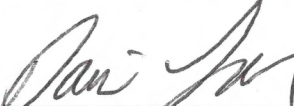
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby commit a 50% match to the 2011-2013 biennium Public Transportation Consolidated Grant Program up to \$189,813.00;

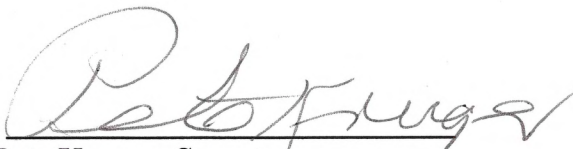
- 1) The 50% match will consist of \$50,000.00 (over two years) from Island Enterprises for the operation of the Transit Hub with the remaining balance of up to \$139,813.00 (over two years) from unrestricted tribal funds.


**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Tribal Administrator, Director of Operations, and Director of Planning and Community Development, to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization regarding the 2011-2013 biennium Public Transportation State and Federal Grant Program application, and 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 regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 9 day of December 2010, at which a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for, and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

  
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Dave Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:   
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Pete Kruger, Secretary

  
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Arnold Cooper, Vice-Chairman