

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE



RESOLUTION NO. 10-15

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 Squaxin Island Tribal Council finds that regulation of Youth Code is essential to the health and welfare of the Squaxin Island Tribe and its members.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby adopts the following amendments to the Youth Code:

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First, strike the definition of "Indian youth":

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and replace with "Indian child", to read as follows:

"Indian child" means an unmarried and unemancipated Indian person who is under eighteen years of age and is a member of an Indian tribe or eligible for membership in an Indian tribe. An "Indian child" includes the unborn child of a Squaxin Island Tribal member. In so defining an Indian child, there is no intention to affect, either positively or negatively, a woman's right to choose whether or not to bear a child.

2. Section 10.04.040 shall be revised to have the following definition added and to read as follows:

"Inadequate medical care" means evidence that an Indian child is not receiving adequate medical care, including, but not limited to the mother of the unborn child is not receiving adequate prenatal care or the mother of the unborn child is using alcohol or other drugs (prescribed and non-prescribed) to an extent that the fetus or infant is likely to be endangered.

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 28th day of January, 2010, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of ______ for and ______ against, with _____ abstentions.

David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:

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