

# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

# RESOLUTION NO. 10- 34

#### 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 Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self government;

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 youth of the Squaxin Island Tribe represent a great natural resource, and today's youth of the Squaxin Island Tribe will be leaders of tomorrow, and the youth need leadership training and experience to better prepare them for these important roles, and the youth should be given the opportunity to bring about positive changes in the existing conditions of the Squaxin Island Tribe, and

**WHEREAS,** the young people between the grade levels of 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade should have a greater voice in matters concerning them, and the youth, through their collective action, can serve as a catalyst to bring about more unity and harmony in the Squaxin Island Tribe, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a mechanism which will allow for the distribution of information, coordination of activities, and sharing of resources, and there is a need for interaction and communication among the youth representing the various schools and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED BY THE Squaxin Island Tribe that the spiritual, mental, physical and social well-being of our youth is of the highest priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to provide a greater voice for our youth and to give them greater opportunities to develop as leaders, the Squaxin Island Tribe authorizes the formation of the Squaxin Island Youth Council. This organization will operate under the supervision and with the support and encouragement of the Squaxin Island Tribe;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the youth council is approved to join the UNITY Network, sponsored by United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. in an effort to bring about positive change in Native America and to provide youth with greater opportunities to work with other youth leaders throughout the nation.

### 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  $\frac{25}{\text{day of February}} \text{ at which time a quorum was}$ present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against with 0abstentions.

David Lopeman, Chairman

Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman

Pete Kruger,/Sr., Secretary