



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-01

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, South Puget Sound, defined by all of the marine, freshwater tributaries and associated lands in the Puget Sound Basin, south of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, is a shared and fragile resource critical to the economic and social welfare of our communities; **and**

WHEREAS, Increasingly, the health of South Puget Sound is threatened by contaminated sediments, toxics, excessive nutrients, loss of natural areas, population growth and has a growing number of threatened or endangered species; **and**

WHEREAS, Squaxin Island Tribe shares the fresh and marine waters of South Puget Sound with numerous local governments and Tribes but no formal regional collaboration mechanism exists to ensure coordinated and cost effective programs for protecting South Sound waters; **and**

WHEREAS, the lack of a formal regional coordinating body for South Puget Sound results in fragmented efforts to restore the South Puget Sound ecosystem and jeopardizes the collective work of public, private and non-governmental organizations to ensure a thriving natural system that exists in harmony with a vibrant community; **and**

WHEREAS, various stated and federal programs have become increasingly onerous expensive and uncoordinated resulting in increased demands on local and tribal governments; **and**

WHEREAS, Recent efforts from the South Puget Sound's Ecosystem Coordination Board Core Group and from the South Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Entities have demonstrated a strong willingness and capability of South Sound entities to collaborate informally on regional needs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does resolve as follows:

Squaxin Island Tribe supports the establishment of the South Puget Sound LIO, known as the Alliance for a Healthy South Sound, and will participate as an active member if approved by all counties and tribes in the South Sound; the South Sound LIO's work shall be to prioritize the necessary actions to address all of the complex connections among land, water, web of species and human needs in South Puget Sound.

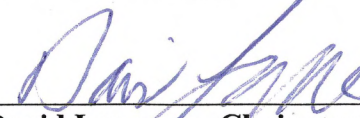
The State of Washington will derive specific and measurable benefits from the regional coordination and collaboration of the South Puget Sound Council; therefore the State must assume a financial responsibility by providing operational support for the Council and that support is hereby requested.

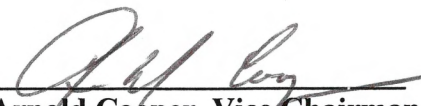
Initial appointment to the Executive Committee of the Alliance for Health South Sound shall be Council Member Andy Whitener.

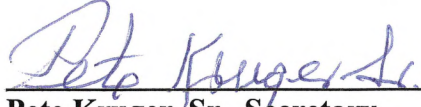
Subsequent appointments to fill vacant positions shall be made by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council.

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 13 day of January, 2011 at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


David Lopeman, Chairman


Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman


Pete Kruger, Sr., Secretary