



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 11-31

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 the 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 Squaxin Island Tribe believes that it is vital to the future of the Squaxin Island tribe that tribal youth remain in school and receive their diplomas to allow them to continue the work of the Tribe into the future ; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe is aware that the State of Washington and Mason County exercise truancy jurisdiction over Squaxin Island juvenile tribal members and these youth who are not going to school are going through truancy proceedings in the Mason County Court System; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe believes that Squaxin youth are best served by going through a truancy process located within the tribal community and for the youth to receive services available from the Tribe in addition to services they may receive from Mason County; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Education Department, the Public Safety Department and the Legal Department have been engaged in discussions with the Mason County Court to create a partnership which refers Squaxin youth out of the County truancy system to a truancy system being created at the Squaxin Island Tribe; **and**

WHEREAS, Ron Whitener, a Squaxin Island member and professor at the University of Washington Law School and Assistant Director of the UW Native American Law Center

(UW NALC), has been consulting with these departments to provide assistance from the UW NALC's Tribal Juvenile Justice Reform Project; **and**,

WHEREAS, Ron Whitener wishes to submit a grant to the MacArthur Foundation which would fund existing Squaxin Island staff time required to create the Squaxin Island Truancy Board; but which is not a research project and will not be collecting personal information about Squaxin tribal members **and**,

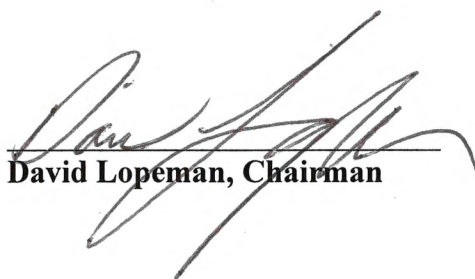
WHEREAS, Ron Whitener is working with the interested departments to ensure that the grant proposal reflects the needs of the community and that individual and tribal rights are protected;

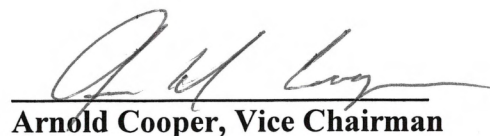
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Council grants permission to the UW NALC to submit a grant supporting the development of a Squaxin Island truancy program.

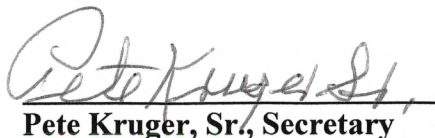
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island grants authority to the Squaxin Island Administrator to sign subcontracts with the University of Washington implementing the Tribe's involvement in the project.

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 28 day of April, 2011 at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


David Lopeman, Chairman


Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman


Pete Kruger, Sr., Secretary