

## SQUAXIN ISLAND LEGAL DEPARTMENT

# RESOLUTION NO. 12-25

#### 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 is empowered to acquire, manage, lease, or use Tribal real property under its Constitution, Article III, Section 1(b), and its inherent authority; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council desires to provide a place for internment for members of the Squaxin Island Tribe, spouses and first-degree descendants of members. Anyone eligible to be interred at the Cemetery may reserve a burial site for his or her burial.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby adopts the attached Squaxin Island Cemetery Internment Policy and directs Tribal Administration to create and manage the request for plot form, maintain the burial site map and requests consistent with the terms of the policy.

#### **CERTIFICATION**

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_ against, with \_\_\_\_\_ abstentions.

David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:

Peter Kruger, Sr., Secretary

Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman

### The Squaxin Island Cemetery Internment Policy

The Squaxin Island Cemetery is a place for internment for members of the Squaxin Island Tribe, spouses and first-degree descendants of members. To be interred at the Cemetery an individual must be:

- (a) A Squaxin Island Tribal member;
- (b) The spouse, whether by marriage, custom or common law, of a Squaxin Island member, whether he or she predeceased the spouse; or
- (c) The descendant, by one degree, of a Squaxin Island Tribal member.
- (d) Children eligible for enrollment

Anyone eligible to be interred at the Cemetery may reserve a burial site for his or her burial.

A burial site may be reserved by completing the burial plot request form, the "Request for Plot". The Tribal Administrator shall create the request form. The request form is available on-line at <a href="https://www.squaxinisland.org">www.squaxinisland.org</a> or from the Tribal Administrator's Office.

Requests for reserving a burial site will be considered in the order that a completed request form is submitted to the Tribal Administrator.

Requests will be for an individual or the immediate family. For example, a father may request a burial site be reserved for a son. Whether the request is for someone else, the individual that is to be buried at the site must be eligible to be buried at the site.

Any request for an exception to this Policy must be presented to the Squaxin Island Tribal Council.