



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 12-55

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 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 support of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency through the Indian General Assistance Program has been critical to the development of the environmental program capacity necessary to protect and manage the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; **and**

**WHEREAS**, since the Indian General Assistance Program is limited to building environmental program capacity and is not a resource for implementation of environmental programs, a new complementary program is necessary to allow the Tribe to fully protect and manage our lands and treaty resources; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the intent is develop a program to bridge the gap between environmental capacity building and implementation by developing a means for EPA to support the Tribe to implement on-the-ground protection and restoration action proposals that result from the program capacity developed with Indian General Assistance Program funding.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribe supports and directs the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission to further the EPA Indian General Assistance Program (GAP) by developing a proposal for a new "Beyond GAP" program. The new program shall compliment, but not replace, the Indian General Assistance Program by allowing implementation of actions in support of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; **and**

**FUTHERMORE**, that the Squaxin Island Tribe will work with the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission to achieve the goals as described towards building a robust EPA Indian Program that allows all Tribes to fully achieve their environmental objectives for protection and management of our lands and treaty resources.

**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 27 day of September 2012, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

  
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David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:   
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Pete Kruger., Secretary

  
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Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman