



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 13-23

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**, federally recognized Indian Tribes have an absolute right to health care from the Federal Government, based on treaty rights, on Congressional Acts, on Federal Court decisions, and on the Federal Government's trust responsibility to Indian Tribes; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribe is committed to improving the health and welfare of its people to provide the highest level of health care possible; **and**

**WHEREAS**, there continues to be health disparities between American Indians and all other races despite the United States' Trust Responsibility to provide health care to members of federally-recognized tribes; **and**

**WHEREAS**, research is needed to better understand why these disparities exist and interventions to reduce them; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribe has partnered with the Native American Law Center at the University of Washington, and with Ron Whitener, the executive director of that center, on a long range project to collect Squaxin Island members' priorities and concerns about health research conducted within the Squaxin Island community and to assist development of a research regulatory scheme; **and,**

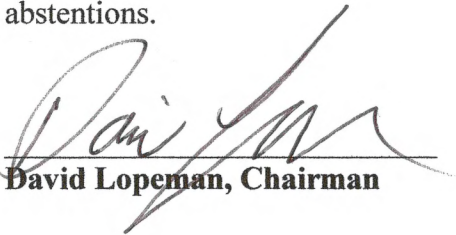
**WHEREAS**, Ron Whitener and his mentee, Raymond Orr, a Native American faculty member from the University of Melbourne in Australia, wish to gather pilot data from tribal members about their support for smoking cessation and prevention programs by administering a survey to adult tribal members at the 2013 May General Body Meeting to support future grant opportunities for the Tribe related to cancer prevention research, which would require later review and approval by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council;

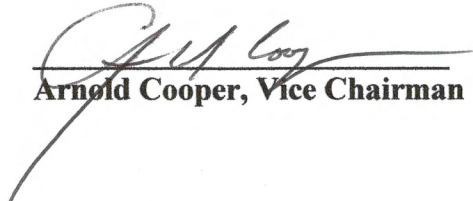
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Council grants permission to the University of Washington to conduct a survey outside of the General Body meeting in May 2013, asking adult tribal members about the importance of smoking cessation and prevention programs.

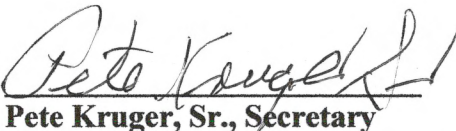
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Squaxin Island Tribe requires the Native American Law Center to work with the Squaxin Island Health Clinic to provide data collected to the Health Clinic for Squaxin Island use. The Tribe further requires that Professors Whitener and Orr enter into a Memorandum of Understanding affirming that the data collected will be owned by the Tribe and will only be used for purposes approved by the Tribe. The Tribe further requires that any publication from this survey be presented to the Squaxin Island Tribe for approval and shall not name specifically the Squaxin Island Tribe without express permission to do so.

#### 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 March, 2013 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**