



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 13-59

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 recognizes that Native basketry embodies a continuum of science, artistry and functionality prevalent in traditional Native lifeways and that the practice of traditional basketry provides opportunities for teaching and learning Native science in a culturally relevant context; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware that the Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association (NNABA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 1996 and whose mission is *to Preserve, Promote, and Perpetuate the traditional and contemporary art of Northwest Native American Basketry*; and

WHEREAS, NNABA serves traditional and contemporary Native basketweavers from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and British Columbia and hosts an annual Gathering in October of every year that includes a conference, trainings and a youth track; and

WHEREAS, the practice of Native basketry preserves traditional knowledge and encourages contemporary artistic expression; and

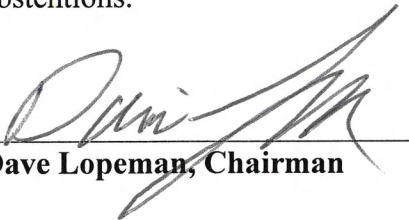
WHEREAS, experiential learning of native and western science through the practice of Native basketry provide cultural and academic education and empowers holistic individual and tribal health;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe, via this resolution of the Tribal Council, agrees to host the 2014 NNABA Annual Gathering; and

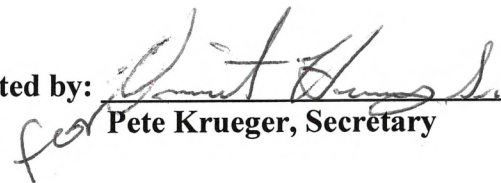
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Tribal Administrator, Director of Operations, or Executive Director of the Museum Library Research Center to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization regarding the NNABA 2014 Annual Gathering.

CERTIFICATION

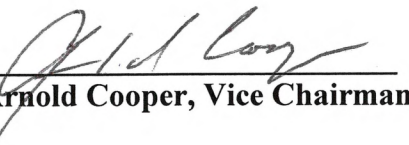
The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a special meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 15th day of July 2013, and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.



Dave Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: 

Pete Krueger, Secretary



Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman



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Name of Tribe: Squaxin Island Tribe

Address/Location:

Tribal Address: Squaxin Island Tribe
10 SE Squaxin Lane
Shelton, WA 98584

Event Address: Little Creek Casino Resort
91 W State Route 108
Shelton, WA 98584

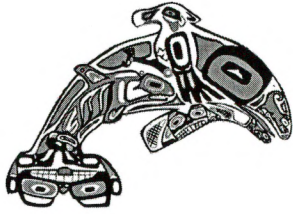
The Squaxin Island Tribe envisions a culturally and economically strong community of self-governing, resilient people, united by shared values and traditions...by protecting life and maintaining the peace, protecting tribal property and resources, serving in a reasonable and prudent manner, and carrying out these responsibilities diligently, courteously, and with pride.

The Squaxin Island Tribe is honored by the presence of our guests, and it is in that spirit that the Tribe respectfully requests the privilege and honor of hosting the Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association's 2014 Gathering and Annual Membership Meeting. Squaxin Island Tribal culture is a reflection of the strong relationship between tribal members and the vast resources of the land and sea, and is alive with creative expressions such as basketweaving, carving and drumming. The Tribe plans to provide our teachers, students and basketweaving community with a beautiful, memorable Gathering in 2014.



Available facilities (convention center, conference rooms, community center, and capacities):

The Squaxin Island Tribe's Little Creek Casino Resort has over 35,000 square feet of conference space available for reservation. The Skookum Creek Event Center, located within the Little Creek Casino Resort complex, is a multi-purpose facility with the capacity to accommodate the Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association's (NNABA) activities for the 2014 Gathering and the Annual Membership Meeting. The main 2014 Gathering events will be held in the Event Center and the Youth Track will be held in the Hotel's ample conference space.



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Support from your Tribe or Organization for Gathering (sponsorship of any activities, banquet or waiver of fees associated with the Gathering, etc.):

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council, Tribal staff, Tribal leadership, Tribal members and the executive management of the Little Creek Casino Resort are in enthusiastic support of hosting the 2014 Gathering. Collaborations among the Squaxin Island government, enterprises, membership and community will result in a seamless and wonderful experience for the 2014 Gathering participants. The Squaxin Island Tribe will provide NNABA with a Committee and Chairperson for the planning and running of the Annual Gathering in conjunction with NNABA.

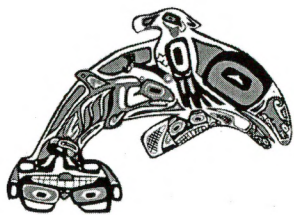
Little Creek Casino Resort is donating all space needed for the 2014 Gathering's events, and has offered complimentary support for conference room setup, audio/visual equipment, presentation items, staging needs, decorations, and other needs to make the 2014 NNABA Gathering a success.

The Tribe will provide reserved space for the event activities, with room for overflow and for vendors throughout the conference. The main basketweaving events for adults will take place in the Event Center, which will be set up to accommodate the anticipated 700-800 adult participants. The Youth Track will take place in the reserved conference rooms within the Resort, which will be set up to accommodate the anticipated 200 youth participants.

The Little Creek Casino Resort will provide a complimentary full banquet on Saturday for all participants. A healthy, complimentary continental breakfast will be provided each morning of the Gathering for all participants. For lunch options, the LCCR has many restaurants; as an alternative to restaurants, special food vendor spaces will be provided, creating opportunities for entrepreneurs.

Special activities your Tribe or Organization may wish to host during the Gathering:

- Squaxin takes pride in welcoming guests and providing education through experience. At our hosting of the 2012 Canoe Journey, we provided a traditional foods feast that was very successful and sparked memories, conversations and interest in traditional foods. In that spirit, Squaxin will host a Salish-style dinner during the 2014 Gathering that features local, fresh salmon and seafood from the Squaxin enterprise Salish Seafoods and with the support of the many tribal members who make their livelihood through salmon, geoduck and clam fisheries.



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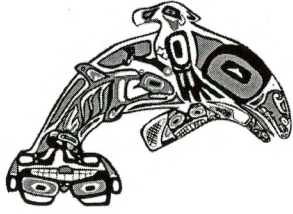
- In conjunction with the banquet, the Tribe is thrilled to present our traditional drum group and dance group, as well as a Salish fashion show. The Squaxin Island Tribe will present song and dance to the NNABA banquet attendees, including the awe-inspiring Warrior Dance and the beautiful Basket Dance.
- Oysterfest is a fun, family-friendly event held in the nearby Mason County Fairgrounds and features music, activities for all ages, contests, demonstrations and a variety of seafood vendors. Oysterfest will still be going on as the Gathering is wrapping up. Basketweavers who did not get their fill of seafood during the 2014 Gathering events should plan to stay for Oysterfest activities, many of which benefit Tribal organizations and the local communities.
- The Squaxin Museum, Library and Research Center (MLRC) will be open during the conference. The Squaxin Museum, Library and Research Center (MLRC) is the Squaxin Island Tribe's beautiful presentation of living culture, history and art. The Squaxin Island Museum Library and Research Center (MLRC) tells the story of the *People of the Water* through a series of exhibits and displays depicting the relationship between Squaxin Island Tribal members and the seven inlets of South Puget Sound. Basketweavers young and old will be thrilled to see the treasured exhibits that feature modern and ancient Squaxin baskets, some of which were unearthed at the nearby Mud Bay archeological dig and teaching site in recent years. The MLRC is located near the Tribal Government complex, just up the hill from the 2014 Gathering's location at the Little Creek Casino Resort. Museum tours will be offered to participants at times that complement 2014 Gathering activities.

Available lodging at/near the Gathering site:

The Tribe's Little Creek Casino Resort has 186 rooms and suites, all of which will be reserved with a reasonable "reserve by" date to secure a room at the Tribal discount rate. The Little Creek Casino Resort (LCCR) offers a variety of room accommodations, an indoor heated pool, oversize hot tub and state-of-the-art workout facility. A smoke-free wing of the Casino allows for a smoke-free gaming experience. Tribal artwork adorns the LCCR and all guests may access the free Wi-Fi and complimentary business center.

The LCCR has seven restaurants and lounges to dine in, including the Squaxin Island Seafood Bar, Island Grille, Creekside Buffet and the Water's Edge Café.

The Seven Inlets Spa, located within the LCCR has seven personal care suites offering a variety of professional spa services and treatments, including massage, facials, body treatments waxing, manicure, pedicure and a full salon. The Spa features a meditation room, eucalyptus



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steam room, saunas, locker rooms and shower facilities.

The Salish Cliffs Golf Club is a stunning 18-hole championship golf course that features a 360-degree view of the Kamilche Valley. This par 72 course offers world class golf for every skill level, and is a strikingly beautiful with natural rock facings, wetland preserves and smooth elevation changes.

The Little Creek Casino Resort has a new RV Park, which will be reserved for Gathering participants. The RV Park features full RV hookups, easy access individual sewer connections, 50 amp AC power and drinking water connections. Showers and laundry are available at the Seven Inlets Spa, and RV Park guests also have access to the LCCR's indoor heated pool and hot tub.

In case of overflow, nearby hotels in Olympia, WA will also have rooms reserved for Gathering participants at a discounted rate: the hotels include Red Lion and the Governor's Hotel.

Other amenities or support for the Gathering your Tribe or Organization may wish to provide for the Gathering or NNABA:

- The Tribe will offer the "Tribal member discount rate" at the Hotel and RV Park for Gathering participants.
- The Tribe will donate use of all space for conference events, including the adult and youth tracks and meetings.
- The Tribe will provide a complimentary continental breakfast on Friday and Saturday mornings for all conference participants. The Little Creek Casino's breakfast is healthy and delicious with hot (eggs, breakfast meats, starches, vegetables) and cold options (cereal, fresh fruit, baked goods) to choose from. Vendor spaces will be provided for lunch options as alternatives to restaurant lunches during the Gathering. A full banquet will be held on Saturday.
- Parking is free and valet service is available to those who need it.
- The LCCR will also provide marketing support for the 2014 Gathering, including a website link and a press release for the event.

The Squaxin Island Tribe is a signatory of the 1854 Medicine Creek Treaty. Squaxin Island is located at the convergence of the seven southern Puget Sound inlets and the more than twenty-two small watersheds of the Tribe's traditional territory. The Island is uninhabited, but it is used by the community for ceremonies and traditional education and its tidelands are critical habitat for our fisheries.