

# **SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE**



# RESOLUTION NO. 13-

#### 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 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 Squaxin Island Tribal Council finds that maintenance and regulation of the Tribal Code is essential to the welfare of the Squaxin Island Tribe and its members.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby adopts the following amendments to the Court System Code:

Section 4.32.070 currently reads as follows:

4.32.070 Appeal judges. (A). For each case which is appealed, a panel of three judges shall be designated to hear the appeal. None of the judges should have participated in the case at the trial level and none of them should have personal knowledge of or interest in the case. The clerk shall select the names of three judges to hear an appeal by a system of rotation among available judges.

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Council approves the Code to be changed to:

4.32.070 Appeal judges. (A) For each case which is appealed, a panel of three judges shall be designated to hear the appeal. However, at the election and request of the Tribe a one judge panel shall be allowed and provided for in all cases in which the Tribe is not the appealing party. None of the judges should have participated in the case at the trial level and none of them should have personal knowledge of or interest in the case. The clerk shall select the names of the appellate judges to hear an appeal by a system of rotation among available judges.

## **CERTIFICATION**

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2013, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_\_ against, with O abstentions.

David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by

Peter Kruger, Sr., Secretary

Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman