



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 14-02

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 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 Tribe wishes to be a member Tribe in good standing of the National Congress of American Indians; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe meets all the requirements for Tribal Membership, pursuant to Article 11, Section 1 (b) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Congress of American Indians; **and**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council which is the governing body of the above named tribe, hereby authorizes the Tribal Council Chairman, which is the principal tribal official, to take the necessary action to place the Tribe in membership in NCAI; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tribal funds in the amount of \$5,500.00 based on tribal membership dues scheduled in the NCAI By-laws, Article III, Section 1(b), are authorized to be paid to secure tribal membership in NCAI; **and**



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS

July 10, 2014

Re: 2014-2015 NCAI Membership

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Dear Tribal Leader:

As we approach our 70th Anniversary, I am writing to invite you to continue our partnership in the important work of protecting and advancing tribal sovereignty. **Will you join with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to advance tribal sovereignty and the rights of all tribal nations for the current membership year?**

Congress and the Administration look to NCAI as Indian Country's unified voice on our key national priorities. Your tribal nation's membership is very important in putting NCAI on the frontlines of our nation's policy debates that deeply affect our sovereign rights. Over the last year we worked tirelessly to:

- **Protect and Restore Tribal Lands** – NCAI works every day to address the BIA's land acquisition program and Supreme Court cases like **Patchak** and **Carciari** that threaten tribal rights.
- **Assert Tribal Tax Rights** – NCAI has led the effort to address IRS overreach on general welfare programs and trust per capita, and many other issues like tobacco taxes.
- **Enhance our Public Safety and Emergency Management Tools** – NCAI led the national effort to secure passage of the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization with strong provisions that expand tribal jurisdiction. We also successfully led efforts to amend the Stafford Act to provide tribes with the opportunity to directly request disaster declarations from the President of the United States.
- **Educate the General Public About Native Peoples** – After decades of work to eliminate derogatory "Indian" mascots, NCAI's mascot campaign had an unprecedented impact on the national conversation. New partners joined our effort from President Obama to high school students, faith leaders, local elected officials, and civil rights leaders. We launched a successful Youtube campaign that secured over 3 million views- and has brought Indian Country into the national conversation like never before.

In 2015 we will face a number of new and ongoing challenges:

- Protecting the **Indian Country Budget**. Including fighting for full funding of contract support costs. (As included in the President's FY 2015 Budget.)
- Continuing to focus on protecting **tribal homelands and tribal lands restoration**;
- Bringing self-determination to **tribal energy development**;
- Ensuring tribal provisions are **enhanced and protected in Congressional reauthorizations such as education, housing, transportation, and Special Diabetes programs**;

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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- Strengthening and protecting **tribal economic development opportunities** through inclusion in tax extender legislation, trust modernization, and energy legislation.
- Working to track and improve the **consultation process** and **government-to-government relationships**.
- Continuing to support information-sharing in Indian Country for tribes working in **implementation of the Tribal Law and Order Act enhanced sentencing as well as the Violence Against Women Act special jurisdiction provisions**.
- Working to **secure Native voting rights** through amendments to the Voting Rights Act and consultation on the Department of Justice's proposal regarding voting sites on Indian reservations.

To meet these challenges, we need your partnership and we need your membership support. Enclosed you will find a 2014-2015 membership dues invoice, as well as a Membership Application Packet. As a member of NCAI your tribal delegate will have the ability to cast a tribal vote, receive regular legislative reports as well as our NCAI produced documents. Our weekly broadcasts and other action alerts on critical issues that affect our communities will also be sent to you – and two other members of your tribe that you choose.

There is no better investment than being an active dues-paying member of NCAI. We are counting on you to be a part of hundreds of tribes, tribal members, and supporters of Indian Country from around the nation to amplify our collective voice. This tribal membership will be updated for our 2014-2015 membership cycle commencing at our 71st Annual Convention in Atlanta, GA on October 26-31, 2014. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Kristen Pratt, Membership Coordinator at (202) 466-7767 or kpratt@ncai.org. We look forward to working with you this coming year, advancing Indian Country's national agenda together.

Sincerely,



Jacqueline Johnson-Pata
Executive Director
National Congress of American Indians

NCAI TEMPLATE: TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

[RE-TYPE THIS ON YOUR TRIBAL LETTERHEAD]

WHEREAS, the _____ wishes to become a Member Indian/Native Government in Good Standing with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI); and,

WHEREAS, the _____ Tribe/Nation meets all requirements for Tribal Membership, pursuant to Article III - Members, Section B of the Constitution and By-Laws of NCAI.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the _____, which is the official governing body of the above- named Tribe/Nation, hereby authorizes _____ who is the official principal tribal official, to take the necessary action to place the Tribe/Nation in Membership with NCAI; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tribal funds in the amount of \$ _____, based on the Tribal Membership dues schedule in the NCAI By-Laws, Article III - Members, Section C 2 are authorized to be paid for NCAI membership; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on the tribal enrollment of _____ persons, the Tribe/Nation shall have _____ votes, in accordance with Article III - Members, Section B 1d; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, pursuant to Article III - Members, Section B 1(b) of the NCAI Constitution and By-Laws, the Tribe/Nation designates the following persons as Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s) and instructs them to become Individual Members in Good Standing with NCAI in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the National Congress of Americans Indians Annual Convention, Executive Council Winter Session and Mid Year Conference.

(Please provide expiration date for term of office)

Delegate: _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Term Expiration Date: _____

Alternate: _____ Signature: _____

Title: _____ Term Expiration Date: _____

Alternate: _____ Signature: _____

Title _____ Term Expiration Date: _____

[Number of Alternate Delegates is determined by Tribe]

Process a current year Resolution in accordance with your procedures and mail your Tribal Resolution along with the Tribal Membership Application and Membership Dues to:

National Congress of American Indians
1516 P Street NW
Washington, DC 20005

For more information contact NCAI at 202-466-7767.



National Congress of American Indians

2014 - 2015 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YES! I support the continuing work and purpose of the National Congress of American Indians and I want to become a Member in good standing

\$40 Individual Indian Member
One Vote, NCAI Broadcasts and Alerts sent to One E-Email -OR- to One Fax Number, Publications, Reduced Conference Rates, and a Membership Card

\$40 Individual Associate Member
Non-Voting, NCAI Broadcasts and Alerts sent to Two E-Mail -OR- to One Fax Number, Publications, Reduced Conference Rates, and a Membership Card

\$500 Organization Associate Member
Non-Voting, NCAI Broadcasts and Alerts sent to Two E-Mail -OR- to One Fax Number, Publications, Reduced Conference Rates for two and a Membership Card

\$1,000 Individual Indian LIFETIME Member
Lifetime Voting, NCAI Broadcasts and Alerts sent to One E-mail -OR- to One Fax Numbers, Publications, Reduced Conference Rates and a Lifetime Membership Card

\$1,000 Individual Associate LIFETIME Member
Non-Voting, NCAI Broadcasts and Alerts sent to One E-Mail -OR- to One Fax Numbers, Publications, Reduced Conference Rates and a Lifetime Membership Card

Membership will commence after the 71st Annual Convention - October 26 - 31, 2014. Membership is not transferable and may be used only by the person whose name is printed on this form. NCAI is a voluntary membership organization and membership in NCAI does not determine status as a member of any American Indian of Alaska Native Tribe.

I AM INCLUDING A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION OF:

\$50

\$100

\$250

\$500

Other

*Required fields

*Name: _____

*Title: _____

*Tribe/Tribal Affiliation/Organization: _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

*Telephone: _____

*E-Mail Address: _____

(Please configure your spam filter to allow NCAI electronic Broadcasts & Alerts)

For Organization Associate Membership Use Only:

*E-mail Address #2: _____

*Website: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Enclosed is a Check or Money Order [Mail to: NCAI, 1516 P Street NW, Washington, DC 20005]

To pay by credit card please call Kristen Pratt at 202-466-7767

NCAI STAFF USE ONLY [Please do not write in this area]

Payment Received: \$ _____ Date: _____ Received By: _____

Credit Card Authorization Number: _____ Check #: _____

For more information contact NCAI at 202-466-7767.