



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 15-01

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;

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;

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council holds the authority to pass legislation designating holidays for cultural, spiritual and other purposes;

WHEREAS, Billy Frank, Jr. was a tireless advocate for Native Treaty fishing rights and the preservation/restoration of a healthy environment; and

WHEREAS, Billy Frank, Jr. was a true warrior in the fishing rights battle, earning him the respect of Native and non-Native people alike; and

WHEREAS, Billy Frank, Jr. was the Chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission for over thirty years, and the recipient of the following awards: the Common Cause Award for Human Rights Efforts; the Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism; the American Indian Service Award; the Wallace Stenger Award; and the Washington State Environmental Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, Billy Frank, Jr. was an inspiration and mentor to Tribal leaders and Native people;

WHEREAS, Billy Frank, Jr. was a Native American hero and it is important that his heroism and life's work be commemorated and honored now, and at all times in the future; and

WHEREAS, Billy Frank, Jr. message that all peoples work together with a common understanding of the importance of the salmon, the water, and the trees is enduring and worthy of continuing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribe recognizes March 9 as Billy Frank, Jr. Day as a tribal holiday (to be observed on the preceding Friday if it falls on Saturday and observed on the following Monday if it falls on Sunday).

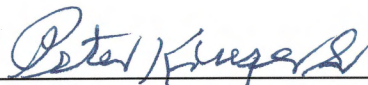
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island does hereby promote that Billy Frank, Jr. Day be recognized on all calendars so that this Day will be memorialized for all future generations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribe hereby requests all Washington Tribes, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, The National Congress of American Indians and other national and regional tribal organizations similarly recognize and adopt March 9 as Billy Frank, Jr. Day.

**CERTIFICATION**

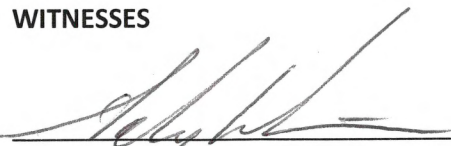
The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a unanimous vote.

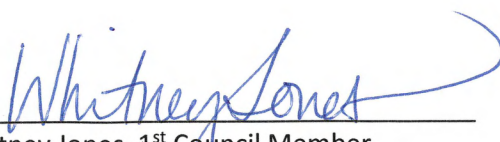
  
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David Lopeman, Chairman

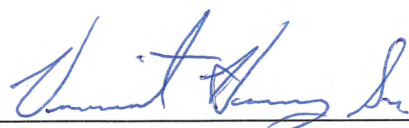
Attested by:   
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Peter Kruger Sr., Secretary

  
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Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman

**WITNESSES**

  
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Andrew Whitener, Treasurer

  
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Whitney Jones, 1<sup>st</sup> Council Member

  
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Vince Henry Sr., 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member

  
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James Peters, 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Member