

## **SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE**

## RESOLUTION NO. 19-57 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 the tribal members, and with 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 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;

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Community experienced several instances of severe weather events in past years highlighting how emergencies and disasters can strike at any moment that place our residents, property and infrastructure in harm's way;

**WHEREAS**, every Squaxin Island resident has the opportunity to prepare themselves and their community for emergencies and disasters by taking the steps vital to reduce injury and loss of life in hazardous circumstances;

WHEREAS, being prepared includes staying informed about potential hazards that could affect your community, developing an emergency plan that includes places to go and who to contact during an emergency and creating a two-week emergency supply kit containing items necessary for survival in the event of an emergency;

**WHEREAS**, tribal government can prepare for emergencies and disasters by establishing an emergency preparedness program, creating and implementing an all-hazards emergency plan, testing and exercising that plan, and re-evaluating systems to improve programs prior to an incident;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Police and emergency management partners are committed to helping residents and community members prepare before an emergency strikes;

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WHEREAS, during this month and throughout the year, we join with numerous federal, state, and local agencies, nonprofit organizations and businesses to promote the importance of being prepared for all types of hazards;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby proclaims September as Disaster Preparedness Month.

## 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 Tday of Avg. 7019 at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

Arnold Cooper, Chairman

Charlene Krise, Vice Chairman

Jefemile Walls, Secretary