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RESOLUTION OF THE SQUAXIN ISLAND INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, under Public Law 280, the United States has granted to the State of Washington authority to assume criminal and civil jurisdiction over the peoples residing upon Indian reservations within the State of Washington, and;

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Washington, in Chapter 240, Laws of 1957, has bound and obligated the State of Washington to assume such jurisdiction at such time as the people of said reservations, through their proper governing authority, shall request the State of Washington to assume such jurisdiction, and;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Indian Tribal Council is the recognized governing body of the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation, and;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Indian people have found the laws of the United States, as applied to Indian territory, and tribal laws, insofar as such can be effectively enforced, to be inadequate for the protection of the Squaxin Island Indian people, and they therefore desire that the State of Washington assume criminal and civil jurisdiction over peoples residing upon their reservation and territory, now therefore,

IT IS RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby requests and expresses its desire that the criminal and civil jurisdiction of the State of Washington be extended to include the people of the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe and all persons being and residing upon the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation, the same being located in Mason County, Washington, particularly described as follows:

"SQUAXIN ISLAND RESERVATION IS DESCRIBED AS ALL UPLAND AND TIDELANDS THERETO OF THAT ISLAND KNOWN AS SQUAXIN ISLAND OR KLAH-CHE-MIN, SITUATED IN TOWNSHIPS 19 AND 20, RANGE 2 EAST, WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, WASHINGTON, CONTAINING 1496.15 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, PLUS TIDELANDS.

And the Chairman of the tribal council is directed to transmit to the Governor of the State of Washington, on behalf of the tribal council and the people of the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe, a true copy of this resolution.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 1958.

CERTIFICATION

The above resolution of the Squaxin Island Indian Tribal Council requesting that the State of Washington assume criminal and civil jurisdiction over persons residing and being upon the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation, located in Mason County, was duly adopted at a special meeting of the Squaxin Island Indian Tribal Council on the _____ day of _____, 1958, by vote of _____ members for the said resolution and _____ members against the said resolution; and there were present at the said meeting _____ members constituting a quorum.

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

Chairman

Acting Secretary

Approved:

Superintendent
Western Washington Indian Agency