



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 20- 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; **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;

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**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Squaxin Island Tribe, a federally recognized Indian Tribe, whose governing body is the Tribal Council, as provided in the Indian Constitution and the by-laws approved and amended pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. Section 476; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe exists as established pursuant to Article III of the Treaty, 12 Stat. 927 and President Grant's December 23, 1876 Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, Squaxin Island Tribe is to committed to improve the health of American Indians/Alaska Native (AI/AN) populations in Washington State so all Indian people of Washington State have access to quality, culturally-appropriate health care as a standard of life; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe is committed to addressing AI/AN population health disparities and assisting and promoting the health needs and concerns of Indian people; and

WHEREAS, American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) are disproportionately affected by behavioral health disparities and these disparities are directly attributed to the lack of care that appropriately addresses trauma; and

WHEREAS, the resilience to live productive lives, along with the personal and community qualities that enable individuals to rebound from adversity, trauma, tragedy, and threats, are necessary to the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives; and

WHEREAS, "Evidence-based" means a program or practice that can be implemented with a set of procedures to allow successful replication; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Indian Treatment Center and the Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations are residential treatment facilities developed to address specific needs of the American Indian and Alaska Native population that utilize approaches grounded in evidence, experience and a deep understanding of culture; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Indian Treatment Center and the Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations operate programs that are evidenced based for the American Indian and Alaska Native population they service;

WHEREAS, sustainable, cost-based funding for services provided to American Indians and Alaska Natives are necessary to address these disparities; and

WHEREAS, 25 U.S.C. § 1621e(c), Non-applicability of other laws states:

No law of any State, or of any political subdivision of a State and no provision of any contract, insurance or health maintenance organization policy, employee **benefit plan, self-insurance plan, managed care plan, or other health care plan** or program entered into or renewed after November 23, 1988, shall prevent or hinder the right of recovery of the United States, an Indian tribe, or tribal organization under subsection (a). (emphasis added); and

WHEREAS, the programs and professionals at the Northwest Indian Treatment Center and the Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations are the proper authority for understanding how to provide care to American Indian and Alaska Natives than an Indian Health Care Provider;

WHEREAS; adherence to a system that gives authority to an insurance carrier or health maintenance organization over and Indian Health Care Providers caring for an American Indian or Alaska Native is part of the system of institutional racism that needs to stop;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Squaxin Island Tribe fully supports payment to these facilities without hindrance from the provision of any contract, or insurance or health maintenance organization policy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe fully expects the State of Washington to ensure that payment in full for the culturally appropriate services provided

by the Northwest Indian Treatment Center and the Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations is timely provided.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted via telephone / email poll of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 17th day of November, 2020 at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

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Kristopher Peters, Chairman

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