



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 23- 04

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 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, Squaxin is a member of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (“NPAIHB”); and

WHEREAS, NPAIHB was formed in honor of our elders’ teachings to realize the wellness of the seventh generation — our grandchildren’s grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB’s mission is to eliminate health disparities and improve the quality of life of American Indians/Alaska Natives (“AI/AN”) by supporting Northwest Tribes in the delivery of culturally appropriate, high-quality healthcare; and

WHEREAS, AI/AN have very limited access to health care services and are disproportionately affected by health disparities and these disparities are directly attributed to the lack of health professionals in Indian communities, which has caused a serious access issue and backlog of many health services for Indian people; and

WHEREAS, many Tribes have great difficulty and face significant challenges in recruiting health professionals to work in their communities that results in further challenges in ensuring continuity and comprehensive health care for Indian people; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) has been in existence since 1964 as a program of the Indian Health Service (IHS); and

WHEREAS, after national tribal consultation, IHS Circular 20-06 was approved in 2020 and established the foundation for the expansion of CHAP nationally; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the NPAIHB, and IHS in consultation with the Portland Area Tribes established the Portland Area CHAP Certification Board (PACCB) in an effort to improve the delivery of health services to Northwest Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB oversees the Tribal Community Health Provider (TCHP) Project which includes the Native Dental Therapy Initiative (NDTI), Behavioral Health Aide Program (BHAP), and Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) projects that expands access to CHAP providers in the Northwest; and

WHEREAS, since 1997, NPAIHB has operated the Northwest Tribal Epidemiology Center (NWTEC) in an effort to improve the quality of AI/AN epidemiology data and has a 25-year history of ensuring physical security of data, and protections of Tribes participating in research; and

WHEREAS, the NWTEC has developed a plan for a Northwest Tribal Data Repository to be housed at the NPAIHB, which details: physical data security; compliance with all human subjects and data privacy laws and regulations; data archiving to protect from loss; compliance with strong, tribally focused IRB requirements; and protections from data misuse; and

WHEREAS, the NPAIHB along with Portland Area IHS have developed and implemented the PACCB to provide the federal certification of CHAP Providers in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe hereby deems that the PACCB is fully functional and ready to move CHAP certification for the Portland Area IHS forward; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe declares that only the Board has the capacity, expertise and infrastructure to provide all management and administrative functions of the PACCB including the collection, storage, and archiving of data for the Portland Area IHS to continue to carry out the CHAP program in its entirety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe fully supports and authorizes the NPAIHB TCHP staff, under the direction of the Executive Director, to move forward with a request to IHS to take over and add all available contractible PFSA's associated with PACCB operations to the NPAIHB's ISDEAA Agreement, Contract No. 248-96-0011; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Chairman is hereby authorized and directed to execute this resolution and any documents connected therewith, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to attest to the certification.

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 09 day of February, 2023. At which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.

Kristopher K. Peters

Kristopher K. Peters (Feb 10, 2023 13:30 PST)

Kristopher Peters, Chairman



Patrick Braese (Feb 10, 2023 13:31 PST)

Patrick Braese, Secretary

Jaimie Cruz

Jaimie Cruz (Feb 10, 2023 16:45 PST)

Jaimie Cruz, Vice-Chair












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