

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION No. 01- 30

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 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 tribal members, and with protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; **and**,

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**,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe is a member of a tribal consortium, the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA), that manages contracts and services, especially in the areas of health and social services; **and**,

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA) to provide intertribal planning, program and resource development, direct services, and financial and technical assistance in the promotion of the general welfare of its five participating tribal communities in southwest Washington; **and**,

WHEREAS, one of the main focuses and concerns of intertribal collaborative efforts has been the welfare and wellness of Indian children and families, and to improve personal outcomes for Indian children and their families in need of mental health services by developing culturally appropriate and community-based treatment and support systems that focus on the traditional strengths of each community, and that strengthen the underlying values that can be invoked to instill increased self esteem, health and wellness; **and**,

WHEREAS, no federally recognized, community-based, culturally appropriate mental health service delivery models designed for Indian children and their families currently exist; **and**,

WHEREAS, The SPIPA Mental Health Project (1996) analyzed the mental health needs of Native American in Washington State and led to a further extensive analysis of “Phase III Mental Health Reform” by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services Mental Health Division in 1997; **and**,

WHEREAS, SPIPA has been advised of the availability of funding for a three year period commencing in FY 2001 through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services, Circles of Care grant program providing opportunities for federally recognized tribal governments and Indian organizations to plan, design, and assess the feasibility of implementing a culturally appropriate system of mental health care for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) children and their families who are experiencing or are at risk of serious emotional and behavioral disturbances; **and**

WHEREAS, SPIPA tribal communities would benefit tremendously from receiving the technical assistance, training and resources needed to design systems of care for their children that reflect the unique needs of each of our communities, and our communities would have the opportunity to integrate traditional healing methods indigenous to each of our communities with existing western and conventional treatment methodologies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize SPIPA to prepare, submit, negotiate, execute, and administer with the U.S. DHHS a SAMHSA FY2001-04 Circles of Care funding program to plan, design, and assess the feasibility of implementing a culturally competent system of mental health care serving at risk children and their families on behalf of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

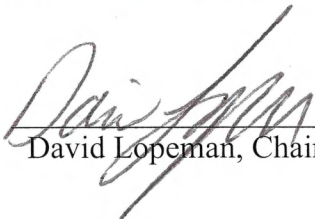
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, the Executive Director, or the Deputy Executive Director to be the Tribe’s signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal Authorization on this particular project, and that these authorities shall be for the duration of the project.

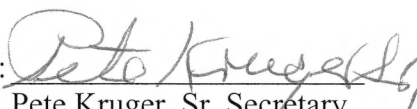
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CERTIFICATION

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 10th day of May, 2001, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: 
Pete Kruger, Sr, Secretary


Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman