



## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

### RESOLUTION NO. 02-25 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**, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government; 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 Skookum Creek Tobacco Co., Inc., a tribally chartered corporation wholly owned by the Squaxin Island Tribe organized for the purpose of, among other matters, manufacturing cigarettes. Skookum Creek Tobacco Co., Inc., filed its application for a manufacturing permit in October of 1999 with the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms.

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau has not disclosed the information made available to it and considered by it in its deliberations despite numerous requests for such information, the information is subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). FOIA is a federal law that grant access to information maintained by the executive branch of the government. FOIA requires federal agencies to provide the fullest possible disclosure of information to any member of the public. Records are disclosed unless the record is protected from disclosure by one or more of the nine FOIA exemptions or three law enforcement record exclusions.

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Lyon made a FOIA request dated December 10, 2001, and BATF responded on March 1, 2002, (122000-MRL 02-751) requesting authorization from the tribal government for the request.

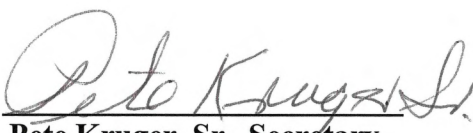
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby authorizes Kevin R. Lyon, Director of the Squaxin Island Tribe's Legal Department and or Kelly Croman, an attorney with the Legal Department, to request and obtain any and all information from the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms related to the Squaxin Island Tribe and or its wholly owned subsidiary the Skookum Creek Tobacco Co. Inc., regarding the application for a manufacturing permit and all related matters and proceedings.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby ratifies any such FOIA request made by Kevin R. Lyon and or Kelly Croman prior to the date of this Resolution, including request #122000-MRL 002-751.

#### 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 14th day of March, 2002, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 3 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

  
**Dave Lopeman, Chairman**

Attested by:   
**Pete Kruger, Sr., Secretary**

  
**Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman**