



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 04-102

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 tribal members, and of 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; 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**, it is in the best interests of the Squaxin Island Tribe to cooperate fully with the goal of carrying out the stated policy of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 USC 1901 et seq. (ICWA), and the Tribal-State contract approved by the South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency (SPIPA); and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the Squaxin Island Tribe to clarify the handling of Child Protective Services and Child Welfare Services cases involving Squaxin Island Children and their families, including residents and non-residents of the Squaxin Island Reservation, and other Indian children who are residents of the Squaxin Island Reservation through the Working Agreement between Squaxin Island Tribal Family Services and the Division of Children and Family Services, Shelton Office; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the Squaxin Island Tribe that this Agreement be interpreted and implemented consistent with the policies, procedures, and protections of the

ICWA and applicable tribal and state statutes, regulations, and procedures, including the DCFS Indian Child Welfare Manual;

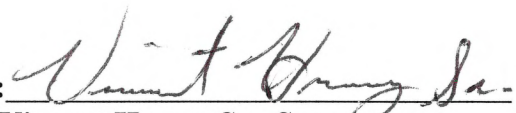
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby approves the Working Agreement between Squaxin Island Tribal Family Services and the Division of Children and Family Services, Shelton Office (copy attached hereto).


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Whitney Jones, Director, Squaxin Island Health and Human Services, and Pamela Hammond, Squaxin Island Family Services Manager is hereby authorized as signatory.

#### 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 this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2004, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.

  
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David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:   
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Vincent Henry, Sr., Secretary

  
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Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman