

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 05-02

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 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 U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has announced the availability of grant funds through the Bureau of Justice under Tribal Courts Assistance Program for enhancing and continuing existing tribal courts; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe is dedicated to protecting children, domestic violence victims and vulnerable adults and providing support to strengthen families to prevent abuse and neglect, and maintaining or securing a nurturing and permanent living environments for children and adults who are abused, neglected or at risk; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe has experienced an increase in abuse and neglect cases on the Squaxin Island reservation that require immediate adjudication; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe recognizes that there is in dire need to enhance the Tribe's court system to include a Family Court system component to best serve clients shortening the length of time to adjudicate a case thereby protecting children and adults from abuse and/or neglect while providing support to strengthen families; and

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Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice BOJ under the Tribal Courts Assistance Program, Category III Tier I, for up to \$250,000 for the purpose of enhancing the Tribe's Court System through the development of a Family Court component thereby increasing the efficacy of the Squaxin Island Tribal Court; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Executive Director, or Deputy Executive Director to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization on this particular project; **and**

NOW THERFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that these authorities shall be for the duration of the project.

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 13
day of 2005, at which time a quorum was present and was
passed by a vote of for and against with abstentions.
Dave Lopeman, Chairman
Attested by: Vince Henry Sr., Secretary