

## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE



# RESOLUTION NO. 05-04

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## 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 facilities, operations and personnel of the Squaxin Island Tribe are vulnerable to the human and economic costs of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes the importance of reducing or eliminating these vulnerabilities for the overall good and welfare of the Tribal members and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe has been an active participant in the Mason County Hazard Mitigation Task Force, which has established a comprehensive, coordinated planning process to eliminate or decrease these vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe's representatives and staff have identified and justified one proposed project needed to mitigate the vulnerabilities of the Tribe to the impacts of future disasters; and

WHEREAS, this proposed project has been incorporated into the initial edition of the Mason County Hazard Mitigation Plan that has been prepared and issued for consideration and implementation by the communities of Mason County and the Squaxin Island Tribe;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council accepts and approves its designated portion of the Mason County Hazard Mitigation Plan;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the director ands staff of the Squaxin Island Tribe are requested and instructed to pursue available funding opportunities for implementation of the proposal designated therein;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribe will, upon securing such funding or other necessary resources, seek to implement the proposal contained in its section of the strategy;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Squaxin Island will continue to participate in the updating and expansion of the Mason County Hazard Mitigation Plan in the years ahead;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLOVED** that the Squaxin Island Tribe will further encourage other businesses, industries, and community groups within Mason County to also participate in supporting the Mason County Hazard Mitigation Plan in the years ahead.

### **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<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005 at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_\_ against, with \_\_\_\_\_ abstentions.

David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:\_

Vince Henry, Sr., Secretary

Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman