



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 05-101

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, the Language Facilitator of the Squaxin Island Tribe's Ta Ha Buts Learning Center has been following developments of a three-year pilot program for teaching tribal languages sponsored by the State of Washington's Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (the "OSPI") and the OSPI may develop such language programs at the end of the current school year;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Squaxin Island Tribe to establish a tribal language program to teach individuals the language of its ancestors known as the Southern dialect of Puget Salish (Lushootseed), and to develop a teacher certification program in furtherance thereof;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Squaxin Island Tribe to delegate authority with respect to management of the teacher certification program to certain tribal officers and/or other individuals; and

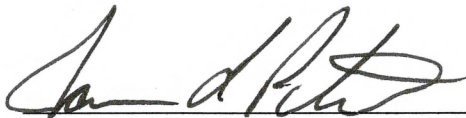
WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has determined that Zalmal Zahir is a qualified expert in the Puget Salish language, and capable of evaluating proficiencies in such language;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby establish the Tribal Certification Program of Puget Salish Language Teachers (the "Certification Program"), which will permit qualified applicants to demonstrate their Puget Salish language proficiency and teaching ability under criteria established under the Certification Program;

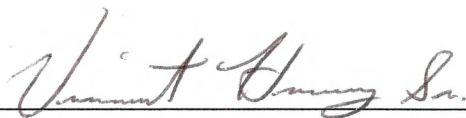
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman, Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director or the Learning Center Director to be the Squaxin Island Tribe's signatory and representative in all Certification Program matters and, subject to the Squaxin Island Tribe's contract review and approval policies in effect or as hereafter adopted, is further authorized to do any and all acts necessary or desirable to implement the Certification Program, including the engagement of Zalmal Zahir as an evaluator of a Certification Program teacher's Puget Salish language proficiency.

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 20th day of October, 2005, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.



James L. Peters, Chairman

Attested by: 
Vincent Henry, Sr., Secretary



Andrew D. Whitener, Vice Chairman