

# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

#### **RESOLUTION NO 05-116**

#### 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 death of a family member often burdens the surviving family members with funeral costs that are beyond their financial ability to cope with, and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council approved **Resolution 87 - 41** which established a funeral fund and designated the funeral expense amount which would be provided to tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council determined that the funeral policy was in need of updating and rescinded **Resolution 87 - 41** and adopted **Resolution #01-85** a new funeral policy, and

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council again desires to update its Funeral Policy, a copy of which is attached hereto.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby rescind **Resolution #01 – 85**; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby adopts the attached funeral policy.

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## 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 12 day of *Novimbu* 2005, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

James L. Peters, Chairman

Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman

Attested by: Vince Henry, Sr., Secretary

### FUNERAL POLICY

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council desires to update its assistance to Tribal Members who are burdened with the expense of funeral costs. Effective December 8, 2005, assistance with funeral expenses will be provided as follows:

- Upon the death of a tribal member, a check in the amount of \$3,000 will be provided to the family;
- Upon the death of a spouse of a tribal member, a check in the amount of \$1,500 will be provided to the family; and
- Upon the death of a dependent under the age of 18 years, who is not a tribal member a check in the amount of \$1500 will be provided to the family.

The checks will be made out to the mortuary and the family member who contracted with the mortuary.

Families have the option of purchasing a casket from the Tribe rather than through the funeral home. If a casket is purchased from the tribe, the current cost of the casket will be deducted from the amount of the above mentioned check.