



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 05-39

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 Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) under the Family Drug Court Implementation Grant Program to develop and establish drug court for substance-abusing adult who are a part of family court due to child abuse and/or neglect issues; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe recognizes the effects of alcohol and substance abuse on Squaxin Tribal community members and is dedicated to a comprehensive approach that empowers the community to address crime, break the cycle of substance abuse, combat family violence, address youth crime, hold offenders accountable, protect and support crime victims; **and**

WHEREAS, 95% of Squaxin Child Welfare cases are families who have substance abuse problems and are part of the Child Welfare and Tribal Court systems; **and**

WHEREAS, the Tribal Departments, (Tribal Court, Family Services and Northwest Indian Treatment Center), have been working collaboratively together in an effort to improve the efficacy of their respective programs in order to improve the outcomes of

those offenders who are part of the court and child welfare systems and have substance abusing problems; **and**

WHEREAS, the Tribe is in dire need of a Family Drug Court docket that will address the needs of families who have substance abuse issues that are part of the child welfare and court system; **and**

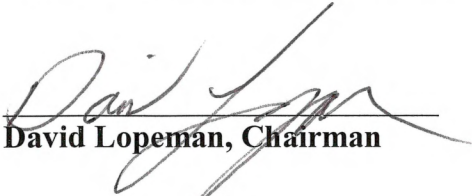
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice OJJDP under the Family Court Grant Program for up to \$450,000 over the period of three years for the purpose of developing and establishing the Squaxin Island Tribal Drug Court that will serve non-violent substance-abusing adults who are a part of family (child welfare) and tribal court systems due to child abuse and/or neglect issues; **and**

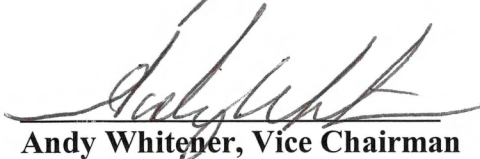
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Executive Director, or Deputy Executive Director to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization on this particular project; **and**

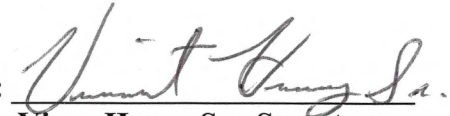
NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that these authorities shall be for the duration of the project.

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 21st day of April 2005, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


David Lopeman, Chairman


Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman

Attested by: 
Vince Henry Sr., Secretary