



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 05-50A

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, during an Honoring Ceremony for former Tribal Council Members in the early 1990's the Tribal Elders created and initiated an Oath of Office for the Tribal Council; **and**

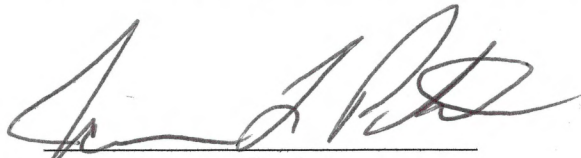
WHEREAS, the oral tradition of the *People of the Water* extends the value of spoken word hereby offered in the form of *The Peoples Oath*, to the elected officials of the Squaxin Island Tribe; **and**

WHEREAS, the present elected Tribal Council has been entrusted and recognizes the importance to continue *The Peoples Oath* into time immemorial for all future elected offices; **and**

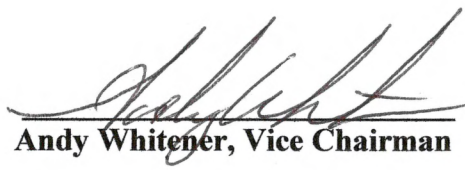
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Peoples Oath is the recognized Tribal Council Oath of Office for the Squaxin Island Tribe.

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 9th day of June 2005, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.



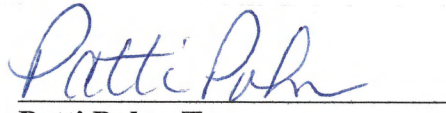
James Peters, Chairman



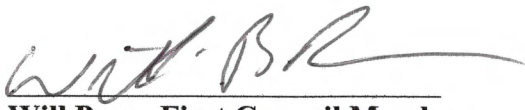
Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman



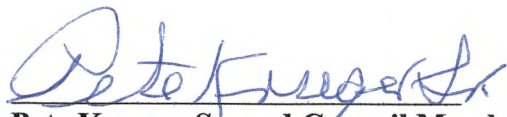
Vince Henry, Secretary




Patti Puhn, Treasurer



Will Penn, First Council Member



Pete Kruger, Second Council Member



Charlene Krise, Third Council Member

The Peoples Oath

(All Tribal Council Members will stand and not take a seat until they have given their Oath)

You have been chosen by your Creator and People to serve as our
Honored Leaders

“The thickness of your skin will be seven thickness for you will be proof against anger, offensive action, and criticism. With endless patience you shall carry out your duties, and your firmness shall be tempered with compassion for your People. Neither anger nor fear shall find lodgment in your mind or spirit, and all your words and actions shall be tempered with calm deliberation. In all your official acts, self-interest shall be cast aside. You shall look and listen to the welfare of the whole People, and have always in view, not only the present but the coming generations in your heart”

(1720 Iroquois Confederation giving charge to the new Leaders)

Always remember first the Creator’s loving kindness who will continue to bless us as long as we continue to lift Him up and give honor and thanks for all that He continues to provide to our People.

(Each Council Member will repeat after me)

I Name of Council Member: accept our People’s Oath as a warm blanket to wrap it around me, and promise to carry it with me and lodge it in my heart.

I Name of Person Conducting the Oath am honored to accept your Oath for our People, let the records show, and everyone here is a Witness that Name of Council Member has accepted this Oath. We ask the Creator to guide and hold you for Time in Memorial, I ask now that you take your rightful place as our Leader.