



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 05-89

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**, because of the existing and increasing possibility of the occurrence of emergencies and disasters in unprecedented size and destructiveness, and to insure the preparations of the Squaxin Island Tribal community will be adequate to deal with such disasters; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribe has the inherent sovereign authority to declare a State of Emergency and/or State of Disaster in Indian country within its jurisdiction; **and**

**WHEREAS**, specific actions are required to be taken to declare a State of Emergency and/or State of Disaster in a manner that ensures a timely and appropriate response to the Tribe's requests for assistance from the State of Washington as outlined in the Revised Code of Washington 38.52.010 and 38.52.070; **and**

**WHEREAS**, in order to fulfill these state law requirements, the authority to take the specific actions to declare a Squaxin Island Tribal State of Emergency and/or Disaster must be granted by the Tribal Council to specific Squaxin Island Tribal positions, which are: Tribal Chairman, Vice Chairman, Executive Director, Director of Public Safety and Justice, Emergency & Safety Manager, Director of Health and Human Services, and Director of Planning; **and**

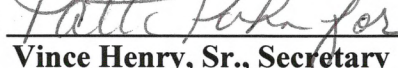
**WHEREAS**, there is a need to establish and publish specific requirements and guidelines to facilitate an immediate request for assistance necessary to ensure the appropriate level of response and a timely recovery;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribe declares its intent to institute the guidelines established in the Revised Code of Washington 38.52.070, which grants local organizations and joint local organizations authority to establish, operate, and exercise emergency powers and procedures under Washington State Law; while maintaining the authority of the Tribe under its Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty.

**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 29 day of September 2005, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

  
James Peters, Chairman

Attested by:   
Vince Henry, Sr., Secretary

  
Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman