



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 06-01

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 Homeland Security (DHS), has announced the availability of funding under the SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) 2006 to provide funding directly to Fire Departments for the purpose of increasing the number of firefighters to help communities meet industry minimum standards and attain 24-hour staffing to provide adequate protection for fire and fire related hazard; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is dedicated to protecting lives, and ensuring that the property and resources of the Squaxin Island Tribe are protected through services provided by Fire District #4; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has experienced an increase in caseloads and calls placing a higher demand on the level of services needed in order to protect the community from fire and fire related hazards; and

WHEREAS, over the past few years the Tribe is aware that Fire District #4 has operated on a funding levels insufficient to meet the needs of the department and community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby support the submission of a grant application to the U.S. DHS SAFER Program for up to \$829,478 to address the critical need for 2 additional firefighters to support Fire District #4 in their effort to protect live within the Squaxin Island Tribal community and Mason County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware of the match requirement of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security SAFER grant and hereby commits up to \$622,478 in cash match over a five year time period towards the 2006 U.S. DHS SAFER project which includes the following:

YEAR 1 - \$ 95,463
YEAR 2 - 89,644
YEAR 3 - 120,330
YEAR 4 - 142,954
YEAR 5 - 174,087
TOTAL - \$622,478

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these funds provided by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council will be used to fulfill the cash match requirement for salary and fringe in addition to providing the needed training and equipment associated with the two positions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the two firefighters will be employees of the Squaxin Island Tribe and managed & supervised by Fire District #4; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Indian Preference will be exercised in the hiring of the two positions in accordance with the Tribe's Personnel policies; and

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 22 day of June 2006, 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


Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman

Attested by:


Vince Henry Sr., Secretary