



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 06-92

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 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, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government; **and**

WHEREAS, under the Constitution and the 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 an established commitment to and history of working to obtain funding from various sources, including federal and tribal funding, for on-reservation and off-reservation transportation projects of importance to the Tribe and the surrounding community; **and**

WHEREAS, public transportation is an ongoing need in rural areas, especially in Southeastern Mason County where the Squaxin Island Tribe currently operates a free public transportation service (Squaxin Transit) in partnership with the Mason County Transportation Authority (Mason Transit) for Squaxin and non-Squaxin riders with connections to neighboring transit services; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council remains committed to supporting and enhancing the operation of Squaxin Transit with at cash and in-kind matching funds, ensuring that reliable public transportation is available to access opportunities for successful employment, improved quality of life, and self-sufficiency; **and**

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), one of eleven modal administrations within the U.S. Department of Transportation, has announced the availability of Tribal Transit Program four-year grant funds for rural Indian tribes to develop new transit systems and improve, maintain, and operate existing systems; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware of the 10% administrative cap; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware that a match is not required, but encouraged; therefore, the Tribe can leverage FTA program funds with an in-kind match up to 10% of the grant proposal in planning, capital, and/or operations support.

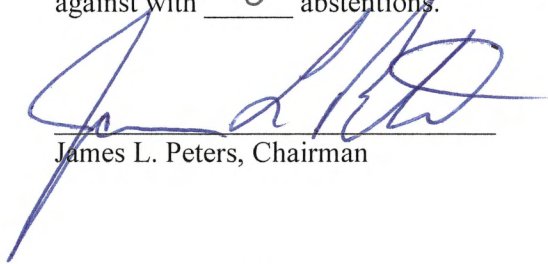
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby support the submittal of a grant proposal up to \$250,000 over four years for planning, capital, and operations to enhance Squaxin Transit services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does commit an in-kind match up to 10% of the grant proposal in planning, capital, and/or operations support.

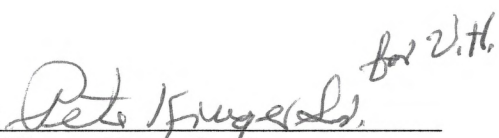
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Executive Director, or Deputy Executive Director during an absence of the Executive Director, to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization regarding the FTA Tribal Transit Program grant application and that these authorities shall be for the duration of the grant.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council held on this 12th day of October 2006 at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


James L. Peters, Chairman

Attested by:


Vincent Henry, Sr., Secretary


Andrew D. Whitener, Vice Chairman