



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 07- 26

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 Tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government; 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 Squaxin Island Tribal Council finds that promotion of tourism is essential to the health and welfare of the Squaxin Island Tribe and its members.

**WHEREAS**, Tribal Council has determined to establish a Tourism Board consistent with the Commissions and Committees Policy Ordinance and to appoint its members.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the attached Tourism Board Ordinance is adopted as Tribal Law effective this date;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a Tourism Board is established;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council selects William Penn to serve as the Council's representative on the Tourism Board during the remainder of his term; and

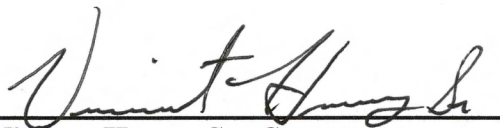
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribal Council does approve the draft bylaws of the Tourism Board, to be effective on formal approval by the newly created Tourism Board.

**CERTIFICATION**

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.



**James L. Peters, Chairman**

Attested by:   
**Vincent Henry, Sr., Secretary**



**Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman**



## **Tourism Board**

### **2.34.010 Tourism Board Established**

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby establishes the Tourism Board, a commission organized under the Squaxin Island Commissions and Committees Policy Ordinance, to assist the Tribal Government in exercising its sovereign rights and responsibilities.

### **2.34.020 Organization and Procedures**

The Tourism Board shall abide by the provisions of the Squaxin Island Commissions and Committees Policy Ordinance and this chapter. Where there is conflict between the two ordinances, this chapter shall govern.

### **2.34.030 Delegated Authority.**

A. The Tourism Board is specifically delegated the authority to hire, terminate, discipline, and evaluate the Tourism Director, as well as the authority to prioritize and assign the Tourism Director tasks and objectives.

B. The Tourism Director shall coordinate marketing and promotional efforts with the Little Creek Casino and Resort, Island Enterprises, Inc., Skookum Creek Tobacco Co., Inc., the Squaxin Island Museum, Library, and Research, Inc., and the Tribe's other incorporated or unincorporated enterprises and departments, in order to ensure integrated, efficient, and effective overall marketing strategies.

C. The Tourism Board shall fully comply with chapter 2.36 of the Code.

D. The Tourism Board shall not have authority to waive or otherwise impair the sovereign immunity of the Squaxin Island Tribe or any of its incorporated or unincorporated enterprises or departments.

### **2.34.040 Purpose**

The purpose of the Tourism Board is to:

- A. Promote travel, geo- and eco- and other forms of tourism, including individual Tribal member venues;
- B. Promote visitor services;
- C. Build environmental and cultural awareness through education in order to gain respect for Tribal culture;
- D. Promote and market Tribal enterprises and other tourism ventures;
- E. Provide positive experiences for visitors and the Tribal member community;
- F. Provide opportunities and empowerment for the Tribe and Tribal community members;
- G. Raise sensitivity to the Squaxin Island Tribe including cultural, political, environmental, and social climate;
- H. Cooperate with other entities in preserving and enhancing the Tribe's heritage;
- I. Pursue and establish strategic partnerships with other nonprofit, governmental and/or Tribal entities engaged in the promotion of tourism;
- J. Recommend interlocal or intergovernmental agreements for the approval of the Tribal Council;

and

K. Enhance the Tribe's relationship with native cultures nationally, regionally and locally.

**2.34.030 Membership and Terms.**

A. The membership of the Tourism Board shall consist of five members as follows, except as provided in subsection C of this section:

1. One member from and selected by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council.
2. The President / CEO of Island Enterprises, Inc.;
3. The Executive Director of the Squaxin Island Tribe;
4. The Executive Director of the Squaxin Island and Museum and Library Research Center, Inc.; and
5. The Chief Executive Officer of the Little Creek Casino and Resort;

All members of the Tourism Board are voting members. A Tourism Board member may delegate his or her authorities, including voting rights, to the same extent he or she can delegate the authority of his or her qualifying office.

B. The term of each Tourism Board member's appointment shall run concurrently with his or her tenure with the Tribe or the relevant Tribal enterprise. The Tribal Council representative shall serve at the pleasure of the Tribal Council until reappointment, provided that a vacancy shall immediately be created when the Tribal Council term of any member who is selected to represent the Tribal Council expires. In the event of any vacancy in the position of Tribal Council representative, the Tribal Council shall appoint a new representative from Tribal Council.

C. In the event of an unscheduled vacancy, by reason of resignation, removal, death, or otherwise in the positions described in subsections (A)(2) through (A)(5), the Tribal Council shall appoint a replacement according to the procedures under section 2.24.210, for a term to be set by resolution of the Tribal Council. A person appointed to fill a vacancy need not meet the criteria of subsections (A)(2) through (A)(5) of this section, as applicable, but must meet the minimum requirements of section 2.24.080. A vacancy can so be filled only for the remainder of the vacating member's term.

**2.34.040 Exceptions.**

Consistent with section 2.24.240, the following exceptions to the Squaxin Island Commissions and Committees Policy Ordinance shall apply:

A. Notwithstanding section 2.24.080(A), membership for positions established in subsections (A)(2) through (A)(5) of section 2.34.030 is not conditioned on enrollment in the Squaxin Island Tribe.

B. Notwithstanding section 2.24.080 (B), the Tribal Council need not formally nominate and approve Board members meeting the requirements of subsections 2.23.030 (A) (2) through (A)(5).

C. Section 2.24.110 does not apply to the Tourism Board. The Tourism Board may but need not elect officers, and by its bylaws may choose to rotate the responsibility for facilitating meetings according to the location of the meeting or other criteria.