



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 07-74

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

**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**, Tribal Sovereignty requires that individual Tribal Governments protect and perpetuate their native languages and cultures in a manner than honors the integrity of the original teachings; **and**

**WHEREAS**, twenty nine sovereign Tribal Nations in the state of Washington worked together to support the passage of HB 1495 Tribal History – Common Schools, **and**

**WHEREAS**, twenty seven sovereign Tribal Nations in the state of Washington signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Washington State School Directors Association, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Washington State Board of Education on the implementation of HB 1495, **and**

**WHEREAS**, collaboration between Tribal leaders, elders, cultural experts, educators, and education agencies is critical for the academic improvement for Squaxin Island Tribal members and other Native American youth, **and**


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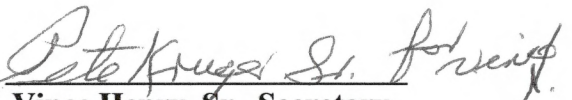
**WHEREAS**, the Request for Proposals: Indigenous Learning Pilot Program RFP# SSIE-01 provides for \$500,000 in '08 and \$500,000 in '09 to implement HB 1495.

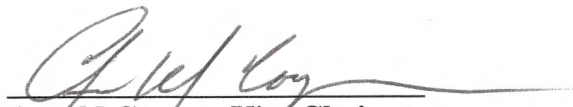
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribe supports collaboration with the Tribal Leader Congress on Education, the Washington State School Directors' Association and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction to create and submit a joint budget for the implementation of HB 1495 and apply for the funds procured through Request for Proposals: Indigenous Learning Pilot Program RFP# SSIE-01.

**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 26<sup>th</sup> day of September at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

  
**Jim Peters, Chairman**

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

  
**Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman**