



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-03**  
**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, 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 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, treaty and cultural resources of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council further finds that the petroglyph was originally located on the west shore of Harstine Island across from Squaxin Island, and Harstine Island is part of the Squaxin Island people's traditional homeland; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Elizabeth McElroy Allison and her family later homesteaded the land adjacent to the beach where the petroglyph was originally located; and

**WHEREAS**, when Ms. Allison decided to sell the property, she stipulated in a 1963 letter to Dr. Robert Greengo that she donated the petroglyph to the Washington State Capitol Museum

provided that it be on permanent display at Tumwater Falls State Park in Tumwater, Washington; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 1964 the petroglyph was moved from Harstine Island to Tumwater Falls State Park, where it has remained until the present day; the Washington State Capitol Museum merged with the Washington State Historical Society (WSHS) in 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, the Tribe formally requested that WSHS return the petroglyph to Tribal lands at Kamilche to the Squaxin Island people; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Allison is deceased and because of her stipulation that the petroglyph remain on permanent display at Tumwater Falls State Park, the WSHS was initially reluctant to transfer ownership to the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, after many discussions about how best to return the petroglyph to its traditional homeland, the WSHS and Tribe agreed to obtain waivers from Ms. Allison's heirs thereby waiving Ms. Allison's stipulation; and in late 2007, WSHS received a signed waiver from each of Ms. Allison's heirs, and agreed to loan it to the Tribe to be renewed and inspected annually by WSHS and Tribal staff; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe has reserved the right to seek repatriation at the appropriate time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council further finds that the petroglyph has great cultural significance to the Squaxin Island Tribal Community and has been extremely sacred to the Squaxin Island people for hundreds of years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council further finds that the Squaxin Island Reservation is the appropriate home for and the traditional homeland of the petroglyph.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby approves returning the petroglyph to its traditional homeland on loan from WSHS and housing it at the Squaxin Island Tribe Veteran's Memorial; and

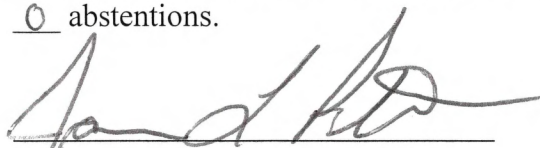
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby approves the loan of the petroglyph from Washington State Historical Society for a one-year period to be automatically renewed; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cultural Resources Department shall ensure that proper cultural and spiritual protocols are followed prior to and during the transport of the petroglyph from Tumwater Falls State Park to the Squaxin Island Reservation; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Tribe's Executive Director who has oversight is hereby authorized to execute the Loan Agreement as attached and to implement and ensure compliance with its terms, and to seek extensions until directed by resolution to do otherwise.


**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 10 day of January 2008, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

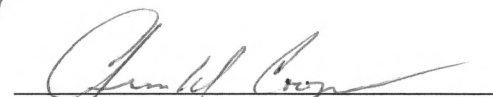


Jim Peters, Chairman

Attested by:



Vince Henry, Jr., Secretary



Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman