



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. ⁰⁸ 22

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 the 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, federally recognized Indian Tribes have an absolute right to health care from the Federal Government, based on treaty rights, on Congressional Acts, on Federal Court decisions, and on the Federal Government's trust responsibility to Indian Tribes; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe is committed to improving the health and welfare of its people to provide the highest level of health care possible; **and**

WHEREAS, the Center for Genomics and Healthcare Equality at the University of Washington has been awarded a grant through the National Human Genome Research Institute to identify ethical, legal and societal implications of genetic research among American Indian/Alaska Natives; **and**

WHEREAS, Ron Whitener, a co-investigator at the University of Washington Center for Genomics and Healthcare Equality has consulted with the director for the Squaxin Island Health and Human Services Department and the Assistant Executive Director to discuss a long range project to measure Squaxin Island members' knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about health research conducted within the Squaxin Island community and to ensure that the research will be conducted in a competent manner and according to Squaxin Island law.; **and**,

WHEREAS, the co-investigator wishes gather pilot data from tribal elders about their knowledge, attitudes and beliefs about research conducted in the Squaxin Island Community to support a grant implementing the larger project being discussed with Squaxin Island Department of Health and Human Services and which would require later review and approval by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council; **and**

WHEREAS, the co-investigator has presented this research project to the Elders Committee of the Squaxin Island Tribe to incorporate any comments and concerns and to ensure that the research will be conducted in a competent and culturally respectful manner, and received their support for this project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Council grants permission to the University of Washington to conduct a pilot study to determine knowledge, attitudes and beliefs of Squaxin Island Tribal Elders about research in the Squaxin Island community. This project will include two focus groups with tribal members over 55 years of age.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island grants permission to Ron Whitener at the Center for Genomics at the University of Washington to collect and use all aggregate information for the purpose of disseminating results from analyses of the data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Squaxin Island Tribe belongs to the Squaxin Island Tribe and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies or organizations without additional tribal authorization.

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 13th day of March 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, Sr., Secretary

Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman