



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 08- 34

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, during an Honoring Ceremony for former Tribal Council Members in the early 1990's, the Tribal Elders created and initiated an Oath of Office for the Tribal Council; **and**

WHEREAS, the oral traditions of the *People of the Water* extends the value of spoken word hereby offered to the elected officials of the Squaxin Island Tribe in the form of *The Peoples Oath, spoken to the Creator for the past, present and future children*; **and**

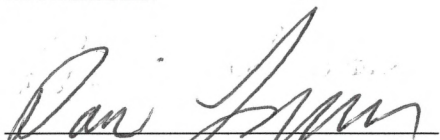
WHEREAS, the present elected Tribal Council has been entrusted with and recognizes the importance of continuing *The Peoples Oath* into time immemorial for all future elected offices; **and**


WHEREAS, the Cultural Resources Department, which is required to follow tribal Spiritual Protocols, will be designated Witness to administer *The People's Oath*; **and**

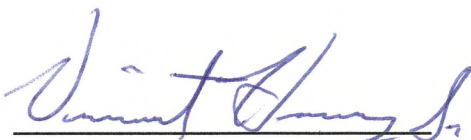
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Peoples Oath is the recognized Tribal Council Oath of Office for the Squaxin Island Tribe.

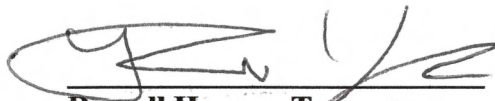
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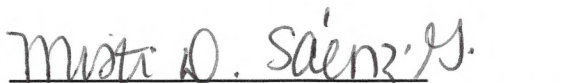
The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 8th day of May at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


David Lopeman, Chairman

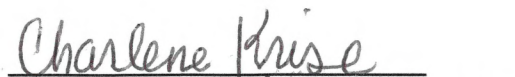

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