



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 08-37 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 and treaty resources of the Tribe; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment and operation of the Squaxin Tribal Court, including the Court of Appeals, is authorized and provided for under the Squaxin Island Tribal Constitution and Title 4 of the Squaxin island Tribal Code.

**WHEREAS**, civil disputes, and the establishment and operation of the Tribal Court and Tribal Court of Appeals are essential functions of Tribal government and vital to the exercise of Tribal sovereignty; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe desires to enter into an agreement with the Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS) under which NICS provides the Tribe with appellate court services pursuant to the Tribal Constitution, Tribal Code, and relevant Tribal Council Resolutions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED By the Council as follows:**  
The attached agreement between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the Northwest Intertribal Court System (NICS) is approved, and the Squaxin Island Legal Department, as the

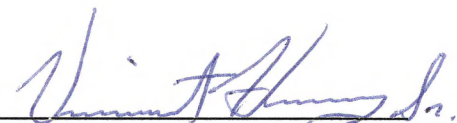
designee of the Tribe, is authorized to select appellate judges under the terms of that Agreement. The Chairman, Dave Lopeman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman, Arnold Cooper, is hereby authorized to execute the agreement with NICS.

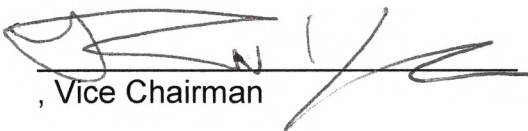
**BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby affirms that the sovereign immunity from legal action of the Squaxin Island Tribe attaches to NICS, NICS staff, the NICS Governing Board, and any NICS judge hearing and deciding any matter on behalf of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

**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 8 day of May, 2008 at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.

  
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David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:   
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Vince Henry, Sr., Secretary

  
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, Vice Chairman