



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 08- 91

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 tribal members, and of 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; 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 Squaxin Island Tribal Council has determined A Master and Apprentice Program (čəʔəʔaw̓tucidəb) has proven to be an effective way to develop language speakers. It situates a novice (dx̣w̓ʔaw̓tucidəb) with a speaker (dx̣w̓(x̣w̓)əlšucidəb), during which the speaker teaches through full-immersion (taʔtaw̓ijəd). It is estimated two-thousand (2,000) hours of language exposure will enable a novice to understand all of the speaker's vocabulary. After twelve-thousand (12,000) hours, they will have adult fluency.

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the Squaxin Island Tribe to establish a Master and Apprentice Program (čəʔəʔaw̓tucidəb) to teach apprentices the language of its ancestors known as the Southern dialect of Puget Salish (Lushootseed), and to develop a Master and Apprentice Program in furtherance thereof;

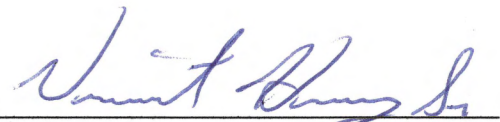
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby establish the Master and Apprentice Program (čəʔəʔawʔucidcəb) of Puget Salish Language instruction. Apprentices will be exposed to twenty (20) hours of language per week under the supervision of the xʷəlšucid speaker. The goal is to expose the Apprentices to one-thousand (1,000) hours per year, and to eventually have all Apprentices certified as xʷəlšucid language instructors through the Squaxin Island Tribal Language Instructor Certification Program [Resolution #05-1010].

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 28 day of Aug 2008, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.



David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: 

Vincent Henry, Sr., Secretary



Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman