



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 08-92

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 healthy language preservation and revitalization program includes language taught to children. The children are our future. Teaching the next generation ensures the x<sup>w</sup>əlšucid language for the Squaxin Island community members (sq<sup>w</sup>aḵsədəbš) for generations to come.

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has determined it is in the best interests of the Squaxin Island Tribe to establish a Master and Apprentice Program to teach Apprentices (Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_) the language of its ancestors known as the Southern dialect of Puget Salish (x<sup>w</sup>əlšucid), in furtherance thereof,

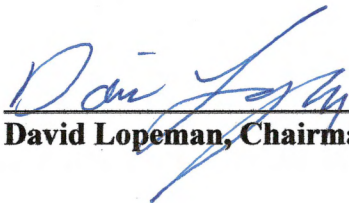
**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes not all Squaxin Island community children attend the daycare, but several attend afterschool activities at the Tu-ha-but's Education Center on a daily basis. They too are a vital asset to language and cultural preservation and revitalization.

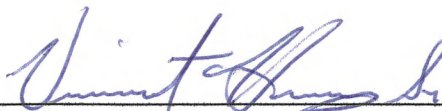
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby resolve to support and enhance the existing Squaxin Island Language Program through enhancing the Puget Salish language instruction and exposure to pre-school and kindergarten children. With parent approval, a predetermined number of children will be transported between the Squaxin Island Daycare and the Squaxin Island Language Center for full-immersion (tawtawijəd) classes and activities. Language instruction will be multiple times per week for a minimum of ten hours per week. Apprentices (dxwʔawtucədəb) of the Master and Apprentice Program (čəʔəʔawtucidəb) [Resolution # 0891] will participate and help in the classes and activities as part of their twenty (20) hours per week of language exposure.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby resolves to support full-immersion (tawtawijəd) language activities that will engage the children at the Tu-ha-buts Education Center. This may include traditional and non-traditional activities such as weaving, carving, carpentry, mechanics, games, etc. Apprentices (dxwʔawtucidəb) of the Master and Apprentice Program (čəʔəʔawtucidəb) (Resolution # 0891) will participate and help in the activities as part of their twenty (20) hours per week of language exposure.

#### 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 16 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.

  
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David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:   
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Vincent Henry, Sr., Secretary

  
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Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman