



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 09-01

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**, a privilege of membership is access to certain goods and services, including housing, health and education benefits, employment preference and treaty resources;

**WHEREAS**, there has been a dramatic increase in the number of enrollees and demand for these goods and services, employment preference and treaty resources;

**WHEREAS**, it is becoming increasingly difficult for the Tribe to meet the current demand for these goods and services, employment preference and treaty resources for its members;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council continues to evaluate and demand and delivery of goods and services, employment preference and treaty resources, but needs to address the immediate effects of the increased demand;

**WHEREAS**, The Tribal Council adopted various resolutions and/or approved various motions suspending some but not all privileges of membership to reduce the demand on resources and services

caused by a significant increase in enrollment and to provide an opportunity to further evaluate the demands and effects caused by increase enrollment;

**WHEREAS**, the Tribal Council previously suspended certain privileges in 1978, Resolution 78-19, Resolution No. 04-49 and most recently in Resolution No. 06-31;

**WHEREAS**, the following suspensions are in place:

Treaty harvest privileges for fish and shellfish (including but not limited to clams, oyster, and geoduck) shall be suspended for five years from the date of enrollment for new enrollees that have relinquished membership in another tribe.

Education benefits shall be suspended for two years from the date of enrollment for new enrollees that have relinquished membership in another tribe.

and the following exceptions are in place:

Any new enrollee 18 years or younger on the effective date of 06-31 whose per capita and dividend privileges have been suspended shall become eligible to receive future per capita and dividend payments; provided, no claim shall be allowed for per capita and/or dividend payments during the suspension period (July 8, 2004 to the effective date of this Resolution);

Any enrollee 55 years and older or as he or she becomes 55, commencing February 1, 2009, with no retroactive affects.

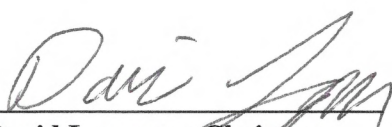
Individuals that relinquished as minors from Squaxin Island to join another tribe that re-enroll at Squaxin Island within one year of becoming 18 years of age shall be exempt for the 5-year and 2-year wait, here and;


Individuals that relinquished as a minor from Squaxin Island to join another tribe that re-enroll at Squaxin Island within 120 days of the effective date shall also be exempt from the 5-year and 2-year wait required by Resolution 06-31, effective October 1, 2008, but shall have no retroactive effect except as specifically stated herein.

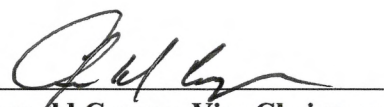
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, rescind the provision that education benefits shall be suspended for two years from the date of enrollment for new enrollees that have relinquished membership in another Tribe, effective immediately.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against, with 1 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