



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 09- 13A

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 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 recognizes the need to provide comprehensive, integrated services for youth and young adults; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children (DHHS ACF) has announced the availability of grant funds through the DHHS Administration on Native Americans (ANA) Social and Economic Development Strategies (SEDS) grant program for the purpose of promoting the goal of economic and social self-sufficiency for American Indians, Native Hawaiians, Alaskan Natives and other Native Pacific Islanders, including American Samoa Natives; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Community was involved in the integrated youth development project planning process through a two-year long strategic planning process in which integrated service delivery was identified as a tribal priority; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribe commits a 20% match, (a total of \$174,518 over three budget periods in In-kind and Cash contributions), towards this project and is fully committed to the project through the entire project period; **and**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ACF ANA Native Social and Economic Development Strategies grant for up to \$869,003 over three budget periods for the purpose of establishing an integrated services delivery system for Squaxin Island youth and young adults; **and**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Executive Director, or Deputy Executive Director to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization on this particular project; **and**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that these authorities shall be for the duration of the project.

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2009, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with      abstentions.

  
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**Dave Lopeman, Chairman**

Attested by: Maria D. Saenz-Garcia  
*for* **Vince Henry Sr., Secretary**

  
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**Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman**

## **Project Abstract**

The Squaxin Island Integrated Youth Development Project originated with an informal visioning committee of Tribal members actively involved in cultural activities, and staff members from Education and Community Development/Planning Departments. This group met on two occasions in January and established a framework for the project development. It was during the first meeting that it was noted that young adults ages 17-24 seem to lose contact with their community and their culture, and that many lack life skills necessary to successfully transition to adulthood.

These meetings were followed by several interdepartmental grant planning meetings, through which the Squaxin Island Integrated Youth Development Project was developed. The project includes four essential components:

- A peer-conducted community assessment, using participatory research methods, of young adults 19-24 who will form the Research Team. (Year 1 only)
- Establishment of an infrastructure that builds on currently successful programs in multiple departments by integrating the resources of youth-serving agencies and members of the community into Youth Serving Teams to foster positive development and transition to adulthood. (Years 1-3)
- Implementation of a sustainable service delivery model based on Individualized Youth Development Plans. (Years 1-3)
- Formation and implementation of a Community Advisory Board to serve as a resource and link to the community. (Years 1-3).

**Staffing:** Executive Director Whitney Jones will serve as Project Administrator. Walt Archer, Education Manager, will be Project Manager. New positions required to implement the project are a Youth Services Coordinator, a Young Adult Assessment Coordinator, and an Office Assistant 1. These three positions will be housed at the TLC.

**Budget:** The budget for the 3-year project is up to \$869,003. The Tribe will meet the 20% match requirement with up to \$92,458 in In-Kind services and \$82,060 cash over three project budget periods.