



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 09-<sup>25</sup> 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**, 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 Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes that the U.S. Census is vital to our Tribal community in that it determines the apportionment of seats in the United States House of Representatives and the Washington State Legislature, and is the basis for the allocation of billions of dollars of federal, state, county, and tribal funds for social and other programs; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that in the Census Bureau's understanding and implementation of the unique legal relationship between the United States Government and American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Governments, the Census Bureau is implementing a Tribal/Alaska Native Liaison Program throughout the United States for Census 2010 to provide program information, offer employment opportunities, and interact with all tribal entities in an effective, respectful, and sensitive manner; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the primary purpose for the Bureau of Census, according to the U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 2, is to mandate an enumeration of the population every ten years, and authority and guarantee of Title 13 laws of the Census Code, is required to keep all information collected in strictest confidence; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes the benefits of participating in Census 2010 to the Tribal community is the collection and receipt of valuable data that will be used by the Tribal government, staff, business ventures, and numerous community, social, and health programs located both on and off Indian trust lands; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau in preparing for Census 2010 through address list updates, census map corrections, and jurisdictional boundary updates; **and**


**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby proclaims Census 2010 as a top priority for the Squaxin Island Tribe to strengthen public awareness to decrease census undercounts for American Indian people and to work together to improve the accuracy and quality of census taking results for Census 2010.

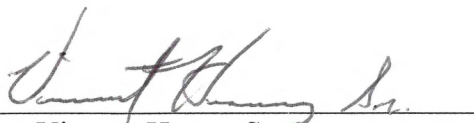
**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council appoints Esther Fox as the Tribal Liaison and point of contact for the Squaxin Island Tribe for all matters related to Census 2010.

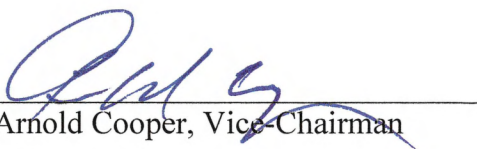
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, the Executive Director, or the Deputy Executive Director to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal Authorization on this particular project, and that 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 27 day of March, 2009, 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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Vincent Henry, Secretary

  
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Arnold Cooper, Vice-Chairman