

## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE



### 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 the 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,** federally recognized Indian Tribes have an absolute right to health care from the Federal Government, based on treaty rights, on Congressional Acts, on Federal Court decisions, and on the Federal Government's trust responsibility to Indian Tribes; **and** 

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribe is committed to improving the health and welfare of its people to provide the highest level of health care possible; **and** 

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe understands that research is needed to assist in the improvement of health and welfare of Native American people but that Squaxin Island Tribe must also exercise its sovereign authority and responsibility to regulate research that is intended to occur within the Squaxin Island community; and

WHEREAS, Ron Whitener, a Squaxin Island member and professor at the University of Washington Law School and Assistant Director of the UW Native American Law Center, has consulted with the Director of the Squaxin Island Health and Human Services Department and the Director of the Museum Library and Research Center to discuss a long range project collecting Squaxin Island members' knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about health research conducted within the Squaxin Island community and to ensure that the research will be conducted in a competent manner and according to Squaxin Island law.; and,

WHEREAS, Ron Whitener wishes to submit a grant which would collect this information from tribal members about their knowledge, attitudes and beliefs about research conducted in the Squaxin Island community and which would financially support the work done by the Tribe on this grant; and,

WHEREAS, Ron Whitener has presented this research project to the Elders Committee of the Squaxin Island Tribe and incorporated comments and concerns to ensure that the research will be conducted in a competent and culturally respectful manner, and received their support for this project:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Council grants permission to the University of Washington Law School to submit a grant supporting the development of a research regulatory process at Squaxin Island, informed by tribal member consultation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribe grants permission to Ron Whitener at the UW Native American Law Center to collect this information but that specific information collected within the boundaries of the Squaxin Island Tribe belongs to the Squaxin Island Tribe and may not be released in any form to individuals, agencies, or organizations without additional authorization from this Tribal Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island grants authority to the Squaxin Island Executive Director Ray Peters to sign subcontracts with the University of Washington implementing the Tribe's involvement in 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 ninth day of April, 2009, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and () against; with O abstentions.

Chairman

David Lopeman

Arnold Cooper, Vice Chairman



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# RESOLUTION NO. 09-34

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Vince Henry, Secretary