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RESOLUTION

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the recognized governing body of the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation; and

WHEREAS, Land held in trust by the United States Government for Squaxin Island Reservation Allotees passes out of trust status when sold by such Allotees to non-Squaxin Island owners; and

WHEREAS, Land within the boundaries of the Squaxin Island Reservation passing out of trust by sale may not easily be returned to trust status or Tribal control; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe has the power to manage the economic affairs of the Tribe and control lands within the boundaries of the Reservation, under Article I and Article III Section 1 (a), (b), (c), and (f) of the Squaxin Island Tribal Constitution;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe requires that all Squaxin Island Allotees desiring to sell lands or interests in lands held under Federal trust, situated within the boundaries of the Squaxin Island Reservation, offer a first option on such lands or interests in lands to the Tribe; and a second option on such lands or interests in lands to all enrolled members of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

The option offered by the Allotee to the Tribe must be offered in writing at a regular Squaxin Island Tribal Council Meeting and must remain open for 90 days after the offer has been delivered to the Tribal Council.

The second option offered by the Allotee to all enrolled members of the Squaxin Island Tribe must be offered in writing at the same regular Squaxin Island Tribal Council meeting at which the first option to the Tribe is offered and must remain open for 120 days after the second option has been delivered to the Squaxin Island Tribal Council.

The price stated by the Allotee in both the offer to the Tribe and to all enrolled Squaxin Island Tribal members shall not be more than that price at which that land or interest in land is to be offered to the general public.

All options must be exercised in writing by the Tribe or the enrolled Squaxin Island Tribal member within the prescribed period for each option. The writing required for exercise shall be a contract of sale between the Tribe or enrolled member and the Allotee. Options not exercised within the prescribed period shall be void.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior are requested not to approve any sale of lands or interests in land located within the boundaries of the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation and held

in trust by the United States Government, to any person, company, or corporation or any agency or subdivision of the State or Federal Government until such time as the requested options have been delivered by the Allotee and rejected by the Squaxin Island Tribe and all enrolled members of the Squaxin Island Tribe through lapse of the prescribed period of time required for exercise of the options.

Chairman, Squaxin Island Tribal Council

CERTIFICATION

As Secretary of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, I hereby certify the the above Resolution was duly adonted at a meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, held at \_\_\_\_\_, Washington, a quorum being present, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ for, and \_\_\_\_\_ against, said Resolution.

Secretary, Squaxin Island Tribal Council