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RESOLUTION

SQUAXIN ISLAND INDIAN TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Indian Tribal Council is, under the laws and treaties of the United States Government, the governing body of the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation, established under the treaty of Medicine Creek; with a constitution and bylaws approved by the Secretary of the Interior of the United States July 8, 1965 and;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe is desirous of reassuming full and complete jurisdiction over all lands, property, and persons, within the boundaries of the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation, pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws for the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe, and;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe is impeded in its desire to assert jurisdiction within the boundaries of the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation by Sections 37.12.010 through 37.12.070 of the Revised Code of Washington; by Section 1162 of Title 18 and Section 1360 of Title 28 of the United States Code (Public Law 280; Act of August 15, 1953, 83rd Congress, 1st Session); and by a proclamation of the Governor of the State of Washington, pursuant to Tribal consent and applicable sections of the Revised Code of Washington, asserting civil and criminal jurisdiction of the State of Washington over the lands and people of the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation, and;

WHEREAS, the people of the Squaxin Island Tribe have petitioned the Squaxin Island Tribal Council to request the retrocession of all jurisdiction the State of Washington holds over the Squaxin Island Reservation and the return of that jurisdiction to the Squaxin Island Tribe and the United States government; and have petitioned the Tribal Council of the Squaxin Island Tribe to obtain the retrocession of said State jurisdiction;

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED:

THAT the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe requests that the Congress of the United States specifically exempt the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation from being subject to the provisions of the above mentioned Public Law 280; that the Legislature of the State of Washington specifically exempt the Squaxin Island Reservation from being subject to the provisions of Revised Code of Washington 37.12.010 through 37.12.070; that the Governor of the State of Washington by proclamation retroceed the jurisdiction held by the State of Washington over the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation to the United States Government; and that the Secretary of the Interior of the United States accept a return of jurisdiction over the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation from the Governor of the State of Washington;

PROVIDED, that retrocession of jurisdiction by the State of Washington shall not take effect until the United States has accepted

the return of said jurisdiction.

Passed this ____ day of _____, 19 ____, in regular session, by a vote of _____ for and _____ against, a quorum present.

Mrs. Florence Sigo
Tribal Chairman

Tribal Secretary