

RESOLUTION 7415

WHEREAS the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the duly constituted governing body of the Squaxin Island Tribe; and

WHEREAS the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe is directly descended from the Squaxin Indians who signed the Medicine Creek Treaty on the twenty-sixth day of December, 1854; and.

WHEREAS the Medicine Creek Treaty gave to the Squaxin Indians a reservation on the island known as Kla-che-min and now known as Squaxin Island; and

WHEREAS the Medicine Creek Treaty gives the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe exclusive use of that land; and

WHEREAS the Winters Doctrine enunciated by the highest court in 1908, established that the Indians retained for themselves rights to the use of water sufficient to make habitable the lands which they did not grant to the United States.

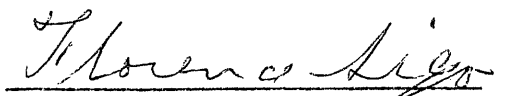
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council claims rights on the saltwater that surrounds Squaxin Island and/or lies under it, and claims rights on the fresh water that lies above and/or below ground on that same island.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

As secretary of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted at a special meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council held at Kamilche, Washington on June 26, 1974 at which a quorum was present by a vote of 3 for, and 0 against.


Calvin J. Peters
Tribal Business Manager

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE


Florence Sigo - Tribal Chairman