

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

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RESOLUTION NO. 77-56

of the

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

- WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians by the authority of the Constitution and By-laws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of Interior on July 8, 1965, and
- WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians, being one of the original five (5) Tribes who planned and formed the Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington in 1968 and who have since participated actively, and
- WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians did accrue a certain amount of benefits in this affiliation with STOWW and, in turn, contributed largely to the overall support of the organization, and
- WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians has now progressed to such a successful level of independence that their goal of becoming truly self-sufficient is becoming more and more of a reality, and
- WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been involved in a lengthy and comprehensive assessment of its present relationship with STOWW to determine whether or not it would be advantageous to maintain this affiliation in the future, and
- WHEREAS, The Squaxin Island Tribal Council's assessment of STOWW has concluded that:
1. The present administration of the STOWW organization has vigorously campaigned to stifle individual Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination totally in violation of STOWW's Constitution and By-laws.
 2. Negotiations between the Squaxin Island Tribe and the STOWW organization, which have been promoted by the Squaxin Island Tribe in order to minimize the hardships upon remaining STOWW member tribes that the Squaxin Island Tribes total withdrawal from the organization would inevitably result, has been misrepresented to the overall STOWW membership by its present administration.

3. Geographic ly, STOWW cannot possibly provide all of its member Tribes with the level and continuity of services that the Tribe itself can.
4. As a member of STOWW, the Squaxin Island Tribe has been arbitrarily excluded from competing for a number of State, Federal and Private sector funds.
5. Future membership of the Squaxin Island Tribe in the Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington will negatively impact the continuing progress of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

WHEREAS, The Squaxin Island Tribe has made every effort to negotiate a more equitable relationship with STOWW and has participated in the organizations activities faithfully and with grave concern for the future of its more dependant member Tribes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe does hereby formally withdraw as a member of the Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington effective this *6th* day of September 1977.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe does hereby direct the STOWW Board of Directors to refrain from any further reference, now and in the future, to the Squaxin Island Tribe, either philosophically, geographically and numerically in all STOWW formulated data.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe direct the STOWW Board to notify all funding agencies and in particular those with funds to STOWW pending that the Squaxin Island Tribe is no longer a member of STOWW and that STOWW applications should be considered accordingly.

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

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council at a regular meeting held on September 6th 1977, at which time a quorum of Council Members was present and passed by a vote of *4* for and *0* against.


Calvin J. Peters, Chairman


Bryan A. Johnson, Vice Chairman

Attested by:


Sally A. Norman, Secretary