

# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

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RESOLUTION NO. 79-3

of the

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 on July 8, 1965, and;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation is composed of Squaxin Island itself, and three off-Island tracts of land placed in Reservation status on August 1, 1977, by Proclamation of the then-acting Deputy Commission of Indian Affairs under authority of the Secretary of Interior pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 8467, and;

WHEREAS, under Sections 37.12.010 through 37.12.070 of the Revised Code of Washington; Section 1162 of Title 18 and Section 1360 of Title 28 of the United States Code (Public Law 280, Act of August 15, 1953); and the proclamation of the governor of the State of Washington, pursuant to applicable sections of the Revised Code of Washington, the portion of the Reservation then-existing, or Squaxin Island itself, was subjected to a transfer of jurisdiction from the United States to the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Squaxin Island Tribe have continually been denied the services and jurisdictional obligations of the State of Washington when requested; and

WHEREAS, the three off-island reservation tracts are not subject to the prior assumption of jurisdiction by the State of Washington over Squaxin Island itself; 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 BE IT RESOLVED: That the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe requests that any and all Public Law 280 jurisdiction heretofore transferred to the State of Washington to be retroceded to the Tribe, in order to: (1) enable the Tribe to undertake governmental functions lost or impaired by such jurisdictional transfers to the State so that full and complete law enforcement, social and health services, and other governmental functions will be made available to the people of the Squaxin Island Tribe; and (2) reconstitute all of the Squaxin Island Reservation as a jurisdictional whole, so that the Tribal Council can effectively undertake governmental functions for all of the Squaxin Island people and over all Squaxin Island lands. In specific, 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.

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

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council held on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1979, at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of        for,        against.

  
Calvin J. Peters, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:   
Mike Peters, Secretary

  
Bryan A. Johnson, Vice Chairman