



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

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Resolution No. 81-52
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 Tribal Council has historically maintained a lasting bond of friendship and cooperation between itself and Tribes and Native American organizations, both locally and nationally; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council gains strength and wisdom through the maintenance of this bond and reciprocates in-kind in order that the preservation of our culture may be strengthened through exercising true self-determination; and

WHEREAS, in adherence to this philosophy, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes its northern neighbor, the Samish, to be a functioning, viable, legal Tribe of Indians, not only from a Federal perspective but from a cultural and historic perspective as well.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does herein support the legal status of the Samish Indian Tribe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does herein convey to the Federal Acknowledgement Staff of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, that their formal decision must support the legal status of the Samish Indian Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

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 this 6th day of May, 1981 at which time a quorum was present, by a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

Bryan A. Johnson, Chairman

Dave Whitener, Vice-Chairman

Attested by: David Lopeman, Secretary



Samish Indian Tribe

OF WASHINGTON

April 7, 1981

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Bryan Johnson, Chairman
Squaxin Island Tribe
Route 1, Box 257
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Dear Bryan:

As you are aware, the Samish Indian Tribe has been seeking Federal acknowledgement for several years. We are soon arriving at the point where the Federal Acknowledgement Project staff of the Bureau of Indian Affairs will make their formal decision as to the legal status of the Samish Tribe.

We feel that our position would be greatly enhanced if other Federally recognized tribes from the area go on record through Tribal resolution, and support our acknowledgement as a tribe. Over the years, through the Western Washington Inter-Tribal Council, the Affiliated Tribes, S.T.O.W.W., C.E.T.A. consortiums and other organizations, we have worked very closely on issues of mutual concern and interest.

We hope that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council will go on record as strongly supporting the legal status of the Samish Tribe. We firmly believe that such an acknowledgement of the Samish Tribe will in no way work any hardships, either politically or financially, on the Squaxin Island Tribe.

If I can provide you with any additional information, please feel free to contact me or my staff at telephone (206) 293-6404.

Respectfully yours,



Mr. Kenneth C. Hansen
Samish Tribal Chairman

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