



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

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RESOLUTION NO. 82- 9
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 the Interior on July 8, 1965, and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians is an independent sovereign nation, having historically negotiated with several nations including the United States in the Meicine Creek Treaty;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the governing body of the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians in accordance with the authority of its sovereign rights as the original owners and guardians of their lands and waters, reaffirmed in their constitution and by-laws, and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians is an Indian Tribe within the meaning of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 USC 1901 et al;

WHEREAS, there is no resource that is more vital to the continued existence and integrity of the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians and its children; and

WHEREAS, an alarmingly high percentage of Squaxin Island Tribe of Indian families have been broken up by the removal of their children and that an alarmingly high percentage of such children are placed in non-indian foster homes and institutions;

WHEREAS, placement of Squaxin Island Tribal children in foster and adoptive homes which will reflect the unique value of tribal culture is essential to the protection and maintenance of the integrity of the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians.

WHEREAS, Eugene "Rusty" Cooper is an Indian child and the Squaxin Island Tribe is said "Indian child's tribe" within the meaning of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, 25 USC 1903;

WHEREAS, Eugene "Rusty" Cooper has a special need to be placed within an Indian home to learn his culture and heritage;



WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is, pursuant to 25 USC Section 1915 (c) vested with the legal authority to establish an order of preference for placement of an Indian child different from that set forth in 25 USC Section 1915 (a) or (b);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council of the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians that the order of preference in the placement of Eugen "Rusty" Cooper now be as follows:

(a) In any adoptive placement of Eugene "Rusty" Cooper under State Law, a preference shall be given, in the absence of good cause to the contrary, to a placement with (1) other members of the Indian child's tribe; (2) other Indian families; or (3) a member of the child's extended family.

(b) Any placement of Eugene "Rusty" Cooper for foster care or preadoptive placement shall be in the least restrictive setting which most approximates the family and which his special needs, if any, may be met. He shall be placed within reasonably proximity to his home, taking into account any special needs he may have. In any foster care or preadoptive placement, a preference shall be given, in absence of good cause to the contrary, to a placement with-

(i) Any foster home licensed, approved or specified by the Indian Child's tribe;

(ii) An Indian foster home licensed to approve by an authorized non-Indian licensing authority;

(iii) A member of the Indians child's extended family;

(iv) An institution for children approved by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council or operated by Indian organization which has a program suitable to meet Indian Child's needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that his resolution constitutes an official public act of the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe;


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of this resolution shall be communicated to the Squaxin Island Tribal Court and to the Superior Court of the State of Washington for Mason County.

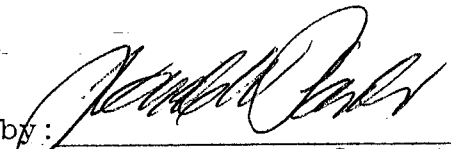
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and placement preference applies to the Eugene "Rusty" Cooper case only.

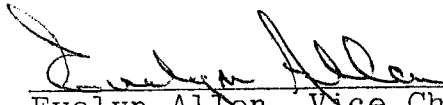
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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 the 10th day of March, 1982, at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of 3 for, and 0 against.


David Whitener, Chairman

Attested by: 
FOR Dave Lopeman, Secretary


Evelyn Allen, Vice Chairperson