



**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE**  
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RESOLUTION NO. 82-36  
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 Tribal Council is charged with the responsibility of protecting the rights and resources of the Squaxin Island Reservation and the lands and resources ceded to the United States Government at the time of the Medicine Creek Treaty, as of March 3, 1855, the effective date of the 1854 Treaty of Medicine Creek.

WHEREAS, the Treaty does show that the present Squaxin Island Tribe was formed of the Squawskin, S'Homamish, Stehchass, T'Peeksin, Squ'aitl and the Sa-heh-wamish bands of Indians, and

WHEREAS, the Court of Claims Commission finding between the Squaxin Island Tribe of Indians (plaintiff) vs the United States of America (defendant) Docket No. 206 was based solely on the area where the original Squawskin Tribe was located, which represents approximately 1/12 of the people and 1/12 of the land that was brought together by the Treaty to form what is now known as the Squaxin Island Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States Government passed and authorized payment to the Squaxin Island Tribe based on the finding of the Court of Claims Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe has refused to accept these funds even though it is being held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Squaxin Island Tribe has refused to authorize payment to the attorneys involved; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe did appeal the Court of Claims findings to the appellate system and were denied arguing and other facts that were presented to the Court of Claims Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is desirous of suing the Federal Government for the remaining portion of ceded lands not included in the Court of Claims Commission findings.



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is requesting and authorizing the Native American Rights Fund Organization to assist the Squaxin Island Tribe in bringing a suit against the United States of America, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does authorize the Native American Rights Fund Organization to review all material, tribal or federal involved in the Court of Claims Commission findings.

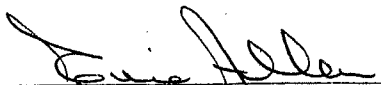
C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 25 day of June, 1982 at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of , for and against.

  
David W. Whitener, Chairman

Attested by:

  
David Lopeman, Secretary

  
Evelyn Allen, Vice Chairman