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RESOLUTION NO. 82- 37
 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 has been entrusted to provide for the social, health and economic well being of its members, and


WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has reviewed Senate Resolution 408, introduced by the Honorable Senator John Melcher, June 10, 1982, and

Whereas, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is in full concurrence with the contents of Senate Resolution 408.

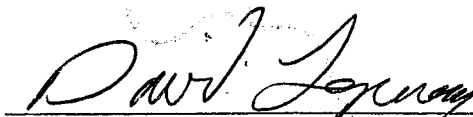
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does fully support Senate Resolution 408 and urgently request that you and all the Senators vote in favor of Senate Resolution 408 in its entirety.

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, at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against.


 David W. Whitener, Chairman

Attested by:


 David Lopeman, Secretary


 Evelyn Allen, Vice Chairman

SENATE RESOLUTION 408

WHEREAS; the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs requested the general accounting office to conduct a study of the Bureau of Indian Affairs reorganization proposal; and,

WHEREAS; the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs requested the Bureau of Indian Affairs to hold in abeyance its' proposed reorganization effort until the general accounting office completed its study and reported to the committee; and,

WHEREAS; in the letter dated April 7, 1982 the Bureau of Indian Affairs stated its intent to implement its reorganization, irrespective of the general accounting offices' study and the committees request; and,

WHEREAS; the consolidation of 12 area offices in the 5 regional offices will, for many Indian tribes, require additional travel costs; and,

WHEREAS; on February 19, 1982 when the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced its' proposed reorganization plan, no consultation had occurred with Indian tribes as required by law; and,

WHEREAS; the Bureau of Indian Affairs reorganization plan creates an additional layer of bureaucracy for Indian education programs; and,

WHEREAS; the reorganization plan creates 5 separate regions for education, each with equal authority to determine policy and procedures, the plan has no provision for coordination among the 5 regions; and,

WHEREAS; the plan establishes new policy authority between the local schools and the Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs education program, 5 assistant Directors of and education which will lead to further bureaucratic intrusion; and,

WHEREAS; no documentation has been provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs showing how the reorganization plan will bring about better, more efficient and more expeditious service to the tribe; and,

WHEREAS; neither the office of management and budget nor the department of the Interior has yet provided any reliable information or specifics to substantiate their claim that the reorganization will create meaningful data; and,

WHEREAS; Indian tribes without exception has expressed their dissatisfaction, not only with the reorganization plan itself, but also with the manner in which it was developed; and,

WHEREAS; the Bureau of Indian Affairs has to date spent over 2 million dollars developing and implementing the plan without securing the programming authority from the Congress; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the reprogramming authority requested by the Secretary of the Interior on May 28, 1982 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs be denied.

Mr. John Melcher, MT.

Introduced by Mr. John Melcher June 10, 1982

Mr. Max Baucus, MT.

Mr. Dennis DeConcini, AZ.

Mr. Daniel Inouye, HI.

Mr. John Stennis, MISS.