

**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE**

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RESOLUTION NO. 84- 17

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 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 has a Water Code, approved by the Council, which reaffirms the Tribes sovereignty and right to regulate water use within the external boundaries of the Squaxin Island Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has a trust responsibility to protect the treaty rights of Indian Tribes; and

WHEREAS, water rights within the reservation are treaty rights; and

WHEREAS, there are increasing pressures on Indian Tribes to surrender portions of their water rights to meet the demands of non-Indians; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3995 proposed by Representative Richardson would facilitate the efforts of non-Indians to take resources of importance to our Tribe and violate our treaty rights;

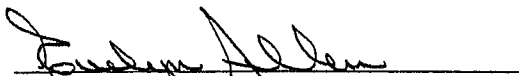
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council strongly opposes the proposed bill and it's intent to establish a mediation board which could never be unbiased, and provide funding to our antagonists.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1983 at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ against.



David W. Whitener, Chairman



Evelyn Allen, Vice-Chairperson

ATTESTED BY:



\_\_\_\_\_, Council Member