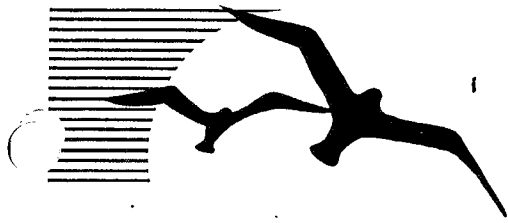


Council



RESOLUTION NO. 84-19
OF THE
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

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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;

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council wishes to promote economic development of the Tribe and protect and preserve the property, wildlife, and natural resources of the reservation and the health and welfare of the people residing on the reservation and is aware that activities taking on or near the reservation may adversely affect these resources and values, and

WHEREAS, the United State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognizes the jurisdiction of Indian tribal governments to regulate activities within the exterior boundaries of their reservations especially where such activities may have an adverse impact upon environmental quality or health and welfare, and

WHEREAS, EPA has developed an Indian Policy recognizing tribal authority and specifically acknowledging that the State of Washington lacks environmental regulatory jurisdiction over the Squaxin Island Tribe and its reservation, and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington did on October 12, 1983, file suit against EPA in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit because the EPA determined that the State did not have regulatory jurisdiction over Indian reservations in the State of Washington for the purpose of administering federal environmental programs, in particular the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (State of Washington v. EPA, No. 83-7763), and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council desires to establish a government-to-government relationship with the EPA for the purpose of developing programs to protect the environmental quality of the reservation and in furtherance thereof the Squaxin Island Tribal Council



has determined that the development of such a relationship with EPA would better coordinate such programs among EPA, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and with other federal, state, regional, tribal, and local planning programs and would be in the best interest of sound environmental management.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council do hereby express our full and continuing support for EPA in the implementation of the EPA Indian Policy Statement insofar as such EPA Policy specifically acknowledges the regulatory authority of Indian tribes within the exterior boundaries of their reservations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe endorses the efforts of the law firm of Ziontz, Pirtle, Morisset, Ernstoff, and Chestnut in preparing an amici curiae brief supporting the position of EPA in the suit against the State of Washington, although we cannot contribute financially to these efforts.

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 24th day of Mar., 1984 at which time a quorum was present by a vote of 4 for and 0 against.

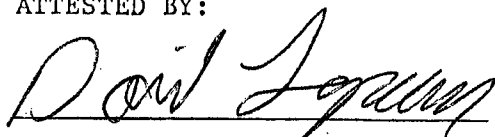


David W. Whitener, Chairman



Evelyn Allen, Vice-Chairperson

ATTESTED BY:



Frank Parker, Council Member