

RESOLUTION NO. 86-2

of the

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

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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 Interior on July 8, 1965; and

WHEREAS, American Indian Tribes negotiated treaties with the United States Government providing access to land and natural resources of incalculable value for the benefit of the United States and it's citizens while retaining for Indian people the right of self-government and reserving, for the future, specific rights and resources; and

WHEREAS, American Indian Governments were assured the United States would protect the treaty resources from any unjust taking by the American government or its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service, since 1982, has been attempting to impose Federal taxes on Northwest Indian fishermen based on income derived from the harvest of treaty-resources; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior Solicitor Coldiron determined, on September 21, 1983, that the "Steven's treaties reserved to the Indians the right to fish free form taxation, including Federal income taxation"; and

WHEREAS, Secretary of Interior Donald Hodel, on February 22, 1985, concluded in a letter to Secretary of Treasury Baker that "Indian income from commercial fishing under the treaties with the Northwest Tribes is not subject to Federal income tax"; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Treasury, through the Internal Revenue Service, and Justice Department continue to disregard the principles of the treaties and established laws; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe stands opposed to this blatant violation of our treaty (10 Stat. 1132) and the unjust taking of our treaty protected resources, through the application of the "general taxation laws" of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the policy of the federal government, as stated by the president of the United States in 1983, shall be conducted on a "government to government basis", while the administrative efforts of the Department of Treasury violates this policy; and

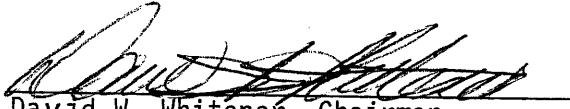
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe hereby puts on notice the government of the United States of America that we stand prepared to do whatever is necessary to protect our treaty and our people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribe hereby demands that the United States, by and through the powers of the Chief Executive, order the Department of Treasury to withdraw its bureaucratic terrorism and the confrontation over the treaty protected rights of our people; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman (or the Vice-Chairman in his absence) is hereby authorized and directed to execute this resolution and any documents connected herewith, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to sign the following certification.

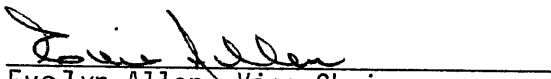
C E R T I F I C A T I O N

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council held on this 23rd day of January, 1986, at which time a quorum was present, and passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.


David W. Whitener, Chairman

ATTESTED BY:


David Lopeman, Secretary


Evelyn Allen, Vice Chairperson