



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

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RESOLUTION NO. 87- 18 **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 the Squaxin Island Tribal Citizens; and

WHEREAS, the wellbeing of the Indian people in health is mandated to be provided to the Indian people by the United States Government; and

WHEREAS, in that inter-governmental relationship it is to the greater good of all these governments concerned, that policies governing that relationship are mutually reviewed and articulated from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government provides health care services and deliverly to the Indian peoples through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and directly through the agency of the Indian Health Services, and such delivery has been adversely influenced by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Management and Budget; and

WHEREAS, it is the findings of the Squaxin Island Tribe that these departments, agencies, and offices of the President have failed to recognize the sanctity of the treaty relationships of these governments and have failed to fulfill their trust responsibility through the actions of damaging the health delivery systems, illegal transfer of responsibility to third-party non-governmental entities without the agreement of tribal governments, misrepresentation of the Indian issues before Congress, and total non-consultation with Indian Tribal Governments.

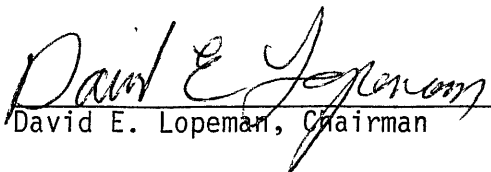
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe demands that:

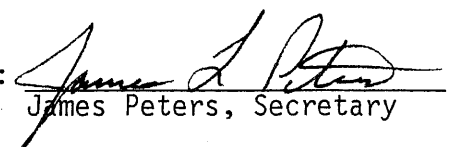
1. The government of the United States should honor and respect its responsibility to the Indian peoples through their government as declared by the treaties of the United States with the Indian Tribal Governments.
2. The U.S. strengthen the Indian governments by providing the necessary human and financial resources required for those governments to perform their governmental functions as full governments.

3. The Director and Staff of the Office of Management and Budget follow the President's directive for the government-to-government relationship.
4. The Department of Health and Human Services and Office of Management and Budget follow the terms of P.L. 93-638 in spirit and intent by leaving the determination to contract to tribal decision.
5. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Secretary of the Health and Human Services meet with tribal leaders and health representatives within thirty days to determine the future direction of the Self-determination Policy.
6. Privatization of the Indian programs is contrary to tribal judgement, and that the Department of Health and Human Services abandon plans to privatize the delivery of health services and financing any health care to third parties.
7. The integrity of the Community Health Representative Program of the IHS be maintained and enhanced without interference or transfer to any other component of the IHS.
8. The continual interference of the Indian Health Service's delivery of health care to the Indian people, by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of Management and Budget is opposed.
9. The level of funding by the Administration of Indian health programs is totally inadequate and we demand the funding of programs at the highest level.
10. The Congress and the IHS remove the statutory and administrative barriers now blocking the achievement of full Indian Tribal Self-determination and contracting.
11. Full Tribal consultation take place prior to the development of initiatives affecting Indian people, and continuing to maintain full consultation and involvement of Indian people in the development of those initiatives.

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 adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 2nd day of April, 1987, at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of 4 for, and 0 against, and 0 abstentions.


David E. Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: 
James Peters, Secretary


Evie Allen, Vice Chairperson