

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

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RESOLUTION NO. 87- 19
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 of 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, in an action unprecedented in its 42 year history, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) membership in the 43rd Annual Convention (1986) called for the ouster of the head of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, voting to "urge and demand the resignation of Mr. Ross O. Swimmer as the Interior Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs"; and

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) in its Annual Convention in August 1986, called for Swimmers "immediate resignation" because his "actions and inactions have created policy chaos and crisis in confidence in Indian Country"; and

WHEREAS, both organizations listed categories of Mr. Swimmer's "disregard of the principles of government-to-government relationship and the President's Indian Policy Statement of 1983"; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe is a member of both organizations and has duly authorized representatives voting in their behalf; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swimmer is not able to work on behalf of Indian Tribes, he is not willing to truly consult with the Tribes, and because he is not willing to voluntarily resign, we have no other alternative but to demand that Mr. Swimmer be removed for the betterment of Indian Tribes; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe hereby supports the efforts of NCAI and ATNI and request that because Mr. Swimmer is not able to work on behalf of Indian Tribes that he be removed from office in the interest of the welfare and needs of Indian Tribes across the nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe hereby requests the assistance of the Congress of the United States of America in effectuating the removal of Ross O. Swimmer as Assistant Secretary of Interior of Indian Affairs as the first step in restoring confidence in the government-to-government relationship; and

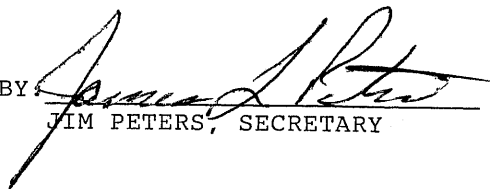
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe hereby endorses and supports the actions of the ATNI delegation who will be working with Congress and the Executive Branch seeking the removal of Ross Swimmer from this position of such great importance to the Indian people.

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 this 9th, day of April 1987, at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against, and 0 absententions.



DAVID LOPEMAN, CHAIRMAN

ATTESTED BY: 

JIM PETERS, SECRETARY



EVELYN ALLEN, VICE-CHAIRPERSON