



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

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RESOLUTION NO. 87-30 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 with the protection of tribal interests, and the health and well being of tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe's reservation lands are in two geographically distinct and separate tracts; and

WHEREAS, the reservation lands on the mainland were acquired and placed in reservation status after the passage of P.L. 280; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe has never requested that the State assume jurisdiction in any capacity over the new reservation lands as required by State law; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has received a solicitor's opinion (see attached) clearly indicating that the new reservation lands are not subject to P.L. 280; and

WHEREAS, all residences, tribal offices, and tribal enterprises are located on new reservation land or other trust property recently acquired; and

WHEREAS, the State does not have adequate resources to provide the level of services currently provided; and, the failure of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to fund our law enforcement program will result in an increase in crime and will jeopardize the health and welfare of tribal members.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council adamantly opposes any attempt to eliminate funding for the Tribe's law enforcement program; and demands that this damaging and short-sighted initiative be abanded by the Bureau.

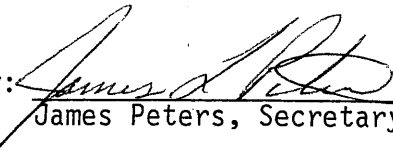
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council condemns Assistant Secretary Swimmer for again putting forth an initiative that is potentially severely damaging for Indian people without any consultation with tribal governments. We again demand the resignation of Ross Swimmer as he is clearly totally unconcerned about the welfare of 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 foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 14th day of May, 1987, at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of 4 for, and 0 against, and 0 abstentions.


David E. Lopenan, Chairman


Evie Allen, Vice Chairperson

Attested by: 
James Peters, Secretary