



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

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RESOLUTION NO. 88-54
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, Indian communities across the nation have the worst health, education, housing, and economic conditions of any culture in today's society; and

WHEREAS, the State-Tribal relations are very important to the long term welfare of the Indian people, as well as the general community associated with the 26 Indian tribes in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the State-Tribal Policy has not proved to be effective in the past in improving the cooperation and coordination of programs and services that impact Indian people, as well as provide the positive conditions to enhance the economic base of Indian reservations; and

WHEREAS, the 26 Tribes of Washington State have consistently been attempting to improve these conditions and policy(s) to develop a sound and stable foundation that will be the basis of a progressive and prosperous future for Indian and non-Indian people alike; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has expressed an encouraging willingness to resolve these needs by improving the policies, laws, programs, and services that affect these conditions; and

WHEREAS, a number of tribes have been meeting with Governor Booth Gardner and his department directors to establish positive policies, that will dramatically reduce the conflict and negative attitudes that have been obstacles to genuine improvements of the welfare of Indian communities and effective government to government relationships; and

WHEREAS, these tribes and Governor have recommended that a Task Force be established to develop the language, conditions, and criteria necessary to be incorporated into these policies, agreements, and potential laws and regulations conducive to this mission; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe is in support of the Task Force and encourages the continued efforts to initiate an effective policy for State-Indian relationships.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe does hereby endorse this mission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe acknowledges the following members as serving on the Task Force to develop the proposals to be considered by the State and 26 tribes of Washington State.

Mel Tonasket, Colville Tribe
Joe De La Cruz, Quinault Nation
Robert Joe, Sr., Swinomish Tribe
Glenn Ford, Spokane Tribe
Dela Frinkbonner, Nooksack Tribe
Dave Lopeman, Squaxin Island Tribe
James Jaime, Quileute Tribe
Dan Gleason, Chehalis Tribe
Larry Sanchez, Nisqually Tribe
Gary Ray, Makah Tribe
Gabriel Landry, Puyallup Tribe
W. Ron Allen, Jamestown Klallam Tribe
Beverly Bennett, Lower Elwah Klallam Tribe
C. Thomas Laurie, Port Gamble Klallam Tribe
Debra Posey, Tulalip Tribe
Gerald James, Lummi Tribe
Jeanette Abrams-Lee, Yakima Tribe
Elmer Schuster, Yakima Tribe


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each representative shall have the authority to delegate his/her representation to an alternate for his/her tribe; and

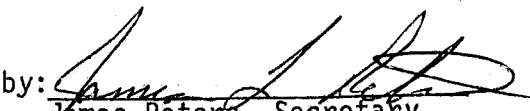
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that inability to send a delegate does not preclude or restrict participation in the process at anytime by any of the tribes not identified above.


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all final drafts of proposed agreements and policies developed by the Task Force will be reviewed by each Tribal Council of the 26 tribes in Washington State for final modification and/or formal approval.

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 20th day of October, 1988, at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of 4 for 0 against, and 0 abstentions.


David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: 
James Peters, Secretary


Evie Allen, Vice Chairperson