

# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

**RESOLUTION NO. 90-13  
of the  
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
FEDERAL REPATRIATION, REBURIAL, AND  
GRAVE PROTECTION LEGISLATION**

**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

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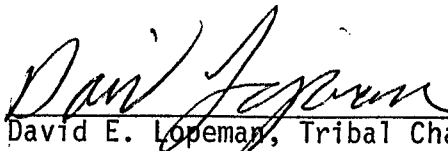
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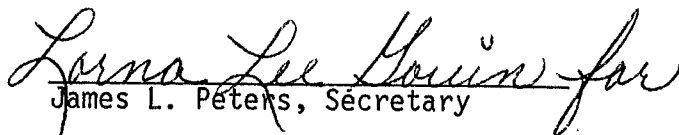
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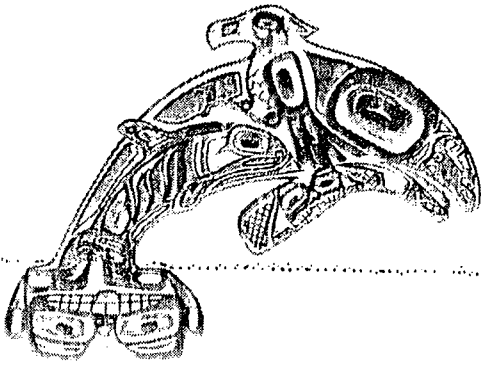
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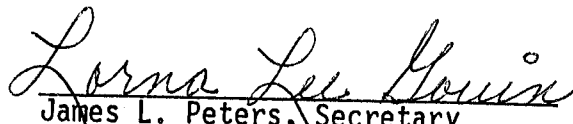
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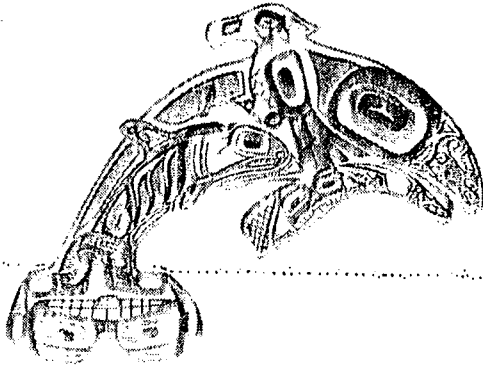
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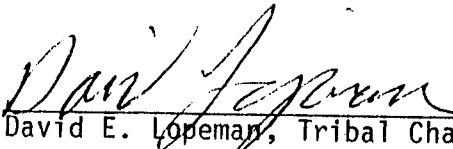
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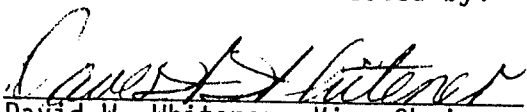
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