

# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 90-14  
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 cultural and spiritual survival of Native American people is closely tied to the continuation and well-being of our cultural and spiritual traditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Native American religions are based upon the natural world and religious and sacred sites are indispensable to the practice of those religions; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court has ruled that there is no First Amendment right to challenge land management decisions that may impair or destroy the ability of Native American religious practitioners to exercise their religious rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Indian Religious Freedom Act has not prevented the Federal Government from unnecessarily and capriciously engaging in activities which impair or disturb Native American religious activity on Federal lands.

WE RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

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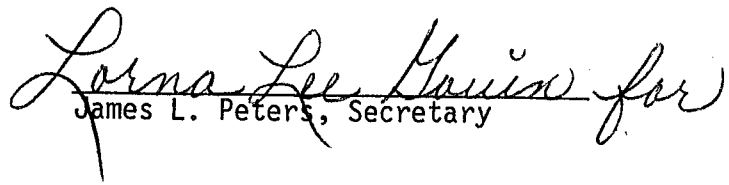
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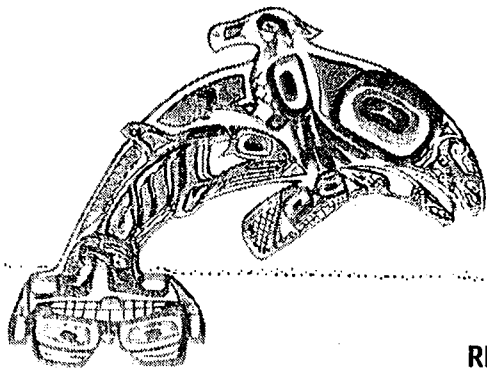
The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held this 3 day of March at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

  
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David E. Lopeman, Tribal Chairman

Attested by:

  
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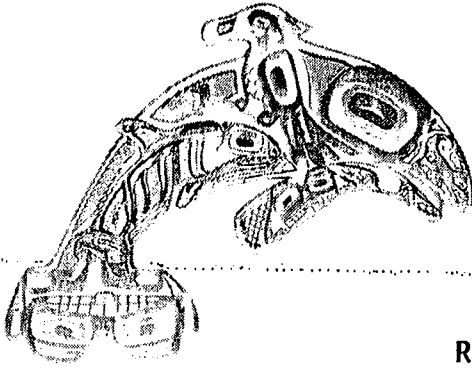
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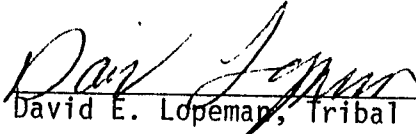
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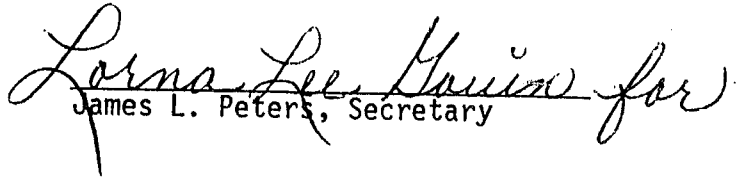
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