

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

**RESOLUTION NO. 91-42
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, under the Constitution and By-laws of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security and general welfare of the Squaxin Island Tribal Citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Government currently operates a full-service clinic facility providing needed medical care to the Squaxin Island citizens and Indian community under a Public Law 93-638 contract with the Indian Health Service; and

WHEREAS, provision of basic health care service to American Indian people is a treaty responsibility of the Federal Government; and

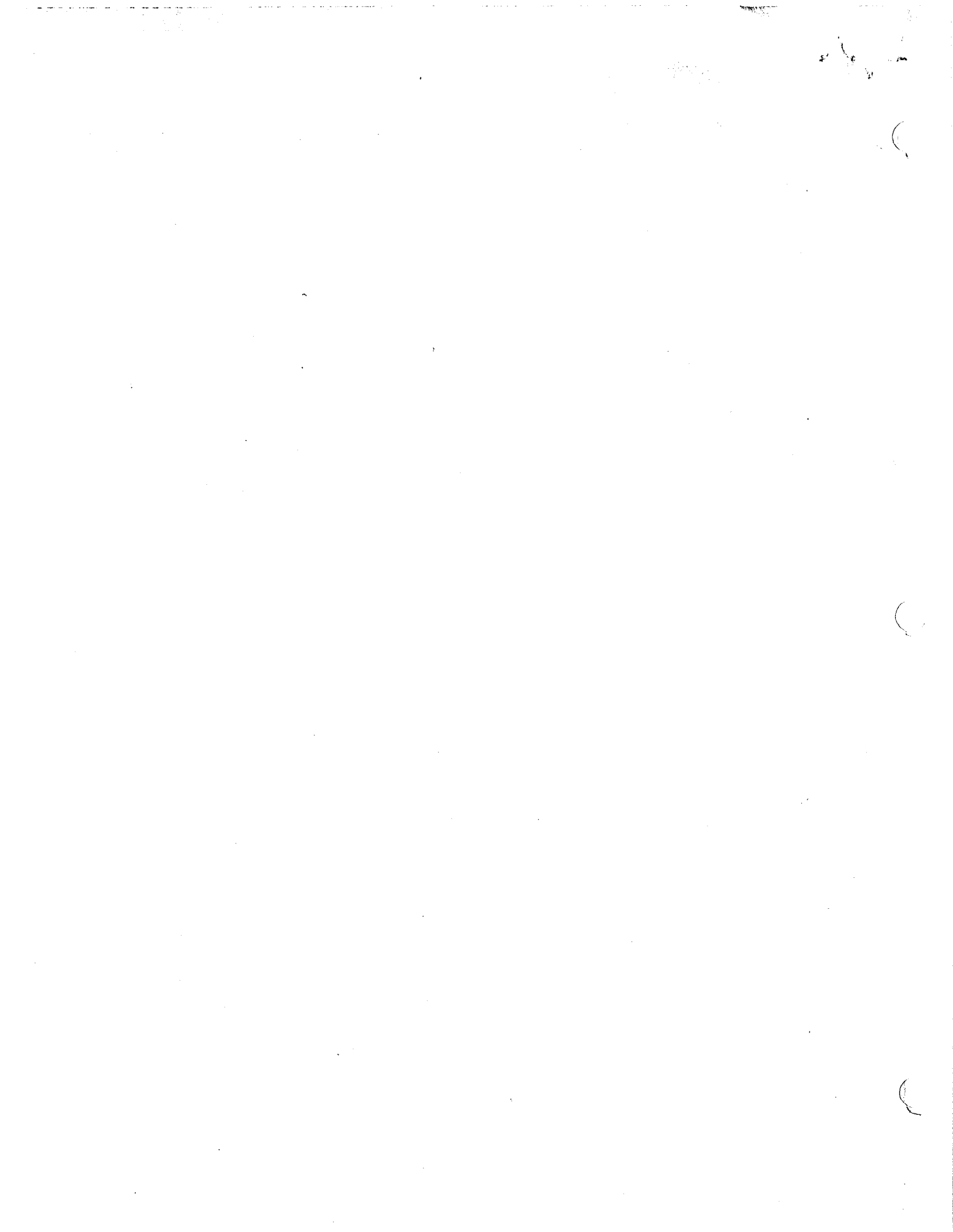
WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe has never received adequate federal funding to meet even the most basic health care needs of its members; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget is now proposing that the Indian Health Service begin to charge co-payments deductibles on all services exceeding basic Medicare rates for those Indian persons with incomes above 130 per cent of the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, this requirement would impose a means test on all Indian patients seeking care in Indian Health Service or Tribal facilities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has determined that the act of cost sharing will be counter-productive and is direct opposition to Indian Health Service's well founded and appropriate goals of health maintenance and disease prevention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council opposes the initiation of the OMB cost sharing or passback proposal as well as the imposition of any charges for eligible Indian patients in Indian Health Service funded facilities.

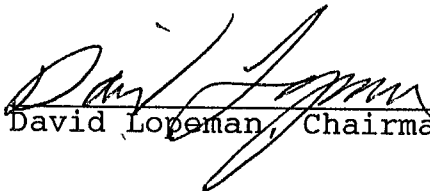


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does not believe this initiative will accomplish its stated goals but will only serve to undermine the Federal Trust Responsibility and the concept of Tribal self determination.

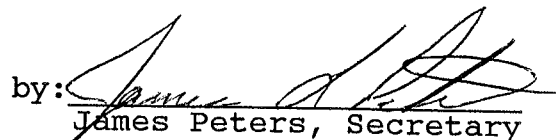
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council calls upon the Federal Government to fully fund services provided to American Indian and Alaska Natives rather than to limit such services as this initiative proposes.

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 8th day of August, 1991, at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of 4 for 0 against with 0 abstentions.



David Loveman, Chairman

Attested by: 

James Peters, Secretary



David Whitener, Vice Chairman

