

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 91-60 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 adopted and approved 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 Tribe and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has recognized the needs of the American Indian veterans for health care, entitlement and benefits; and

WHEREAS, there is a significant number of the citizenship of the Squaxin Island Tribe that are Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the unique status of Native American Veterans, has been unrecognized by the Veterans Administration and various other Agencies, Organizations and programs designed to serve Veterans and their families; and

WHEREAS, many Tribal veterans have been under-served and unrecognized for their sacrifices and service in the armed forces of the United States;

WHEREAS, the Northwest Indian Veteran's Association (NIVA), a non-profit organization was founded to serve the needs of the Northwest Indian Veteran Community; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council believes that our veterans would be better informed and served if there were a Tribal Veterans Representative to NIVA and to act as a single point of contact to facilitate matters between any of the various programs, agencies, organizations and governments.

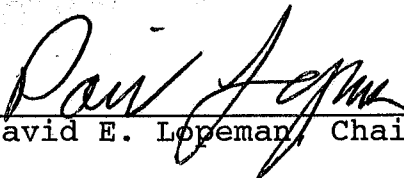
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby appoint John Brady Whitener as a volunteer to undertake Tribal Veterans Representative; the duties being:

1. Liaison with Government Agencies.
2. Gather information on Veterans and other applicable benefits and make this information available to local Veterans.
3. Local network of resources.
4. Outreach - Identify within service area the veterans and also dependents.
5. Development of a "certifiable data base" of all living American Indian Veterans who reside within the area of responsibility.

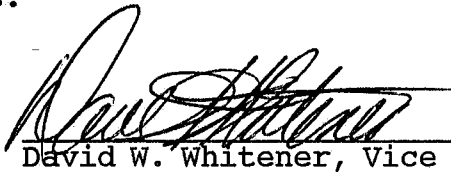
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribe will support the Tribal Veteran Representative though administrative leave, payment of travel monies and other administrative support.

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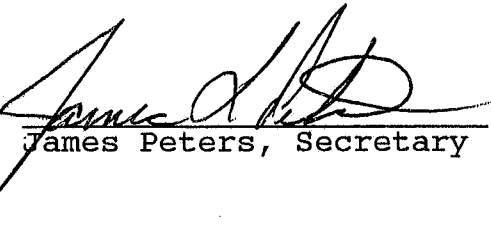
The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council held on this 30th day of October, 1991, at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of 4 for 0 against with 0 abstentions.



David E. Lopeman, Chairman



David W. Whitener, Vice Chairman

Attested by: 

James Peters, Secretary