

# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 91-67

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation, pursuant to 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 Tribe is representative of the nine(9) member Tribes of the Puget Sound Service Unit, to make known the needs and desires of the Indian people from the respective service areas and establishing priorities; and

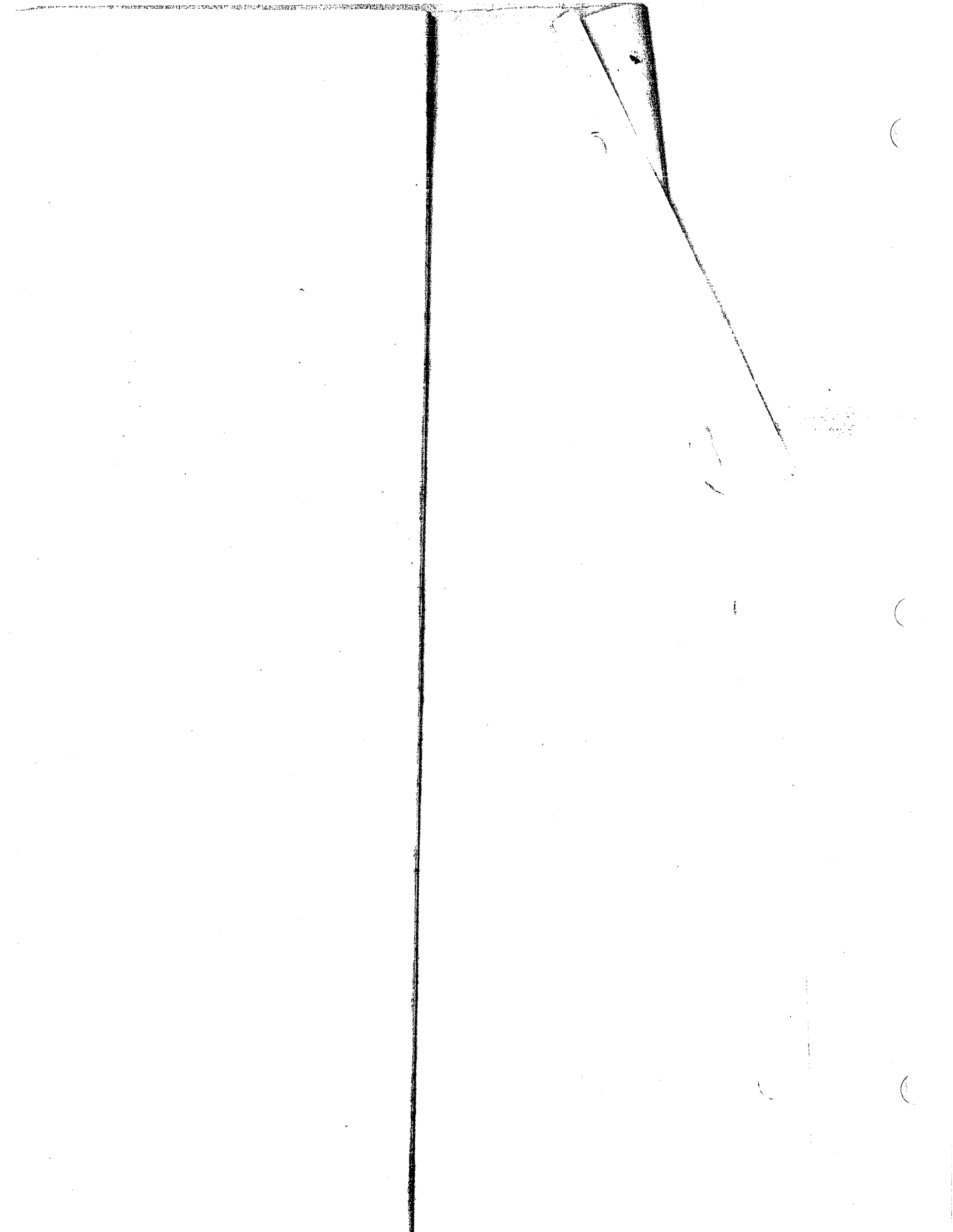
WHEREAS, it is the belief of the Squaxin Island Tribe, that it is their right, and IHS responsibility to receive the best on contract health care services available; and

WHEREAS, the Preferred Provider Pilot Project was originally introduced to the Tribes of the Portland Area Indian Health Service as a project, after implementation would provide lower costs for Contract Health Services which would extend services to Indian people, and

WHEREAS, Indian Health Service at the Puget Sound Health Board on February 15, 1991 assured the nine (9) Tribes that their current services would not suffer because of this project, and

WHEREAS, Indian Health Service has not fulfilled any guarantees concerning this project such as; proper notification to the Tribes and its providers of changes, thoroughly seeking the Tribes needed providers, geography taken into account, and

WHEREAS, Indian Health Service has jeopardized the health and safety of the Indian people because of poor planning, vague communication, mandating Tribes to use only those providers who have contracts, and a uncaring attitude concerning the serious health risks they were forcing on the Indian people in the Puget Sound, and




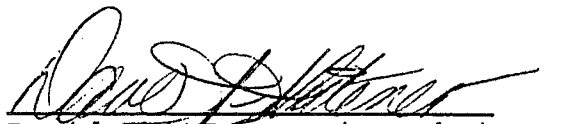
WHEREAS, Indian Health Service patients in the Puget Sound Service Unit are having difficulty receiving optimal quality health care.

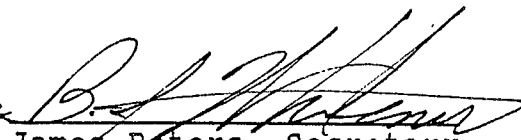
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Indian Tribe opposes the continuation of the Preferred Provider Pilot Project in the Portland Area.

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 15th day of December, 1991, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for, and 0 against and 0 abstentions.

  
David Lopeman, Chairman

  
David Whitener, Vice-Chairman

Attested by:   
James Peters, Secretary