

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 94- 112
of the
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe 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 Reservation residents; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Washington has passed the Health Services Act of 1993 and is currently developing implementation rules and regulations for consideration in the next legislative session, and

WHEREAS, more than forty Tribal leaders and staff met in August 1994 to discuss health care reform in Washington State, and developed and unanimously approved Guiding Principles and Position Papers demonstrating the perspective of American Indians in this state.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does not waive, alter, or otherwise diminish its powers as a Sovereign nation to protect the trust obligation of the Federal Government to provide comprehensive and quality health services to Indian people; and

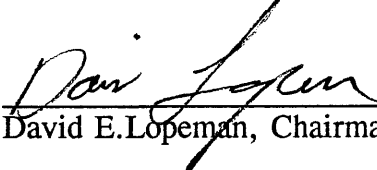
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that health care reform for American Indian people in this state must proceed on a Government-to-Government basis, and

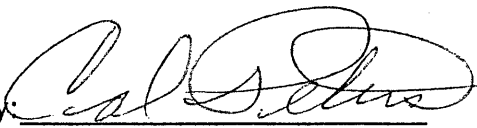
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Health Services Act of 1993 must not diminish or abrogate any Treaty or trust obligation of the Federal government including, but not limited to the Snyder Act of 1921, the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975, and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act of 1976, and

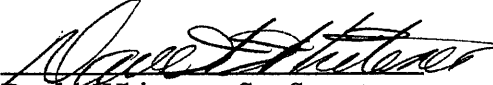
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribe supports the Guiding Principles and Position Papers generated at the August 1994 Tribal Leaders Summit, but reserves the right to identify additional positions, issues or recommendations as the Tribal-State discussions continue.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 22nd day of September 1994, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 3 for and 0 against with 1 abstentions.


David E. Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: 
Cal Peters, Vice Chairman


David Whitener, Sr. Secretary

**Tribal Leaders' Summit on Health Care Reform
in Washington State
August 2-4, 1994**

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Governmental Relations

Sovereign American Indian Tribes have a unique government-to-government relationship with the United States of America, including protecting the trust obligation to provide comprehensive health services to all American Indian people. Sovereign Tribal governments do not waive, alter, or otherwise diminish their legislative powers in Indian country. All non-Tribal governments, corporations and other entities must acknowledge with "full faith and credit" Tribal laws within Indian jurisdiction.

The Washington State Health Services Act does not diminish nor abrogate any Treaty and trust obligation, including U.S. Statutory rights and services, e.g. P.L. 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination and P.L. 94-437 Indian Health Care Improvement Act (1975).

Tribal-State relations are of paramount importance. If, the State health care reform initiative is to succeed, plans must include a coordinated service delivery system with the American Indian Tribes to assure full services to all American Indian people. To this end, the State must demonstrate its commitment to ensure and support a Tribal-State relationship in health care reform.

The State must reaffirm Indian nations unique status as sovereign nations and involve Tribes in the policy formulation framework as expressed in the legislative intent of Section 102 of the Washington State Health Services Act of 1993.

Funding

The implementation of the Washington State Health Services Act must assist Sovereign Tribes and American Indian people to maintain, enhance and build culturally sensitive health care delivery capacities.

To effectively implement the Health Services Act, Tribes and Indian Health Care providers must have full, direct, and equal access as well as control of all State revenues and funds allocated for the purpose of implementing health reform for American Indian people in Washington State.

To implement the legislative intent of the Act, and the spirit of the Tribal/State relations, the State will appropriate sufficient funds to implement Section 469 of the Act - the American Indian Health Care Delivery Plan.

Equal Access

Equal access for Tribes requires removing and avoiding barriers preventing American Indian people from full participation and coverage under health care reform.

Some of these barriers include conflicting eligibility requirements and restrictive criteria programs which preclude American Indians from fully obtaining essential health care.

Prevention

Public health services, including prevention and early intervention strategies in Indian Communities must be comprehensive, culturally appropriate and Tribally based.

Quality of Care

All Health Care Providers and CHPs that offer services to American Indian people will be required to promote community based services that incorporate culturally appropriate policies, service options and cost containment mechanisms.