

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE



RESOLUTION NO. 95-15

A Resolution authorizing membership of the Squaxin Island Tribe as a charter member in the National Tribal Environmental 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 members; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council believes in holistic protection of the body, mind, spirit of the Squaxin Island Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council believes environmental protection and respect for Mother Earth to be a safeguard in cultural preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has worked diligently on environmental issues impacted by the laws, regulations, and administrative practices of United States executive agencies and legislative and judicial bodies; and

WHEREAS, it is mutually beneficial for Tribes to consolidate their strength when faced with pressing problems or perceived threats to Tribal resources, powers, or common good; and

WHEREAS, there is established a National Tribal Environmental Council for the purpose of assisting Native American Indian Tribes with meeting the important and pressing demands of environmental issues, as is more fully set out in the Final Draft Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the **Squaxin Island Tribe** to participate in the newly formed National Tribal Environmental Council; NOW THEREFORE,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council on behalf of the Squaxin Island Tribe does hereby authorizes the Squaxin Island Tribe to join, be a member of, and participate in this National Tribal Environmental Council and authorizes a representative to be designated by the Chairman of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council.

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 day $\frac{4}{2}$ day of $\frac{1}{2}$ day of $\frac{1}{2}$ at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of $\frac{1}{2}$ for and $\frac{1}{2}$ against with $\frac{1}{2}$ abstentions.

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Attested by:

David Whitener, SI

Secretary

Cal Peters, Vice Chairman