

## **SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE**

## RESOLUTION NO. 98-19 for the SOUAXIN 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 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, rural battered women and children face challenges not encountered by women and children living in urban areas; the geographic isolation and stronger social and cultural pressures in rural communities significantly compound the problems confronted by women and children seeking to escape violence; the unique circumstances of rural communities complicate the ability of the criminal justice system to investigate and prosecute domestic violence and child victimization cases, and they present barriers that create difficulties for victim services providers to identify and assist abused women and children; and,

WHEREAS, the **Squaxin Island Tribe** has developed an effective community policing program that works with Tribal child and family service programs and the Tribal court to address the issue of domestic violence and child victimization within the Tribal community; and,

WHEREAS, the Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Rural Grant Program provides a unique opportunity for Tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies, Tribal courts, non-governmental victim services agencies, community organizations, and businesses in Tribal communities to collaborate in creating protocols and strategies tailored specifically to rural Tribal populations; and,

WHEREAS, the **Squaxin Island Tribe** has been advised of the availability of funding through the Rural Domestic Violence and Child Enforcement Grant Program in the Office of Justice Program's Violence Against Women Grants Office, **US Department of Justice**,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Squaxin Island Tribal Council** does hereby authorize the SPIPA Executive Director to submit on its behalf a proposal and any amendments thereto, for FY98 funding under the Rural Domestic Violence and Child Victimization Enforcement Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Squaxin Island Tribal Council** does hereby authorized the Tribal Chairman or the Executive Director to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization on this particular project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these authorities shall be for the duration of this project.

## 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 26th day of 1998, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 3 for of and 0 abstentions.

David Whitener, Sr., Chairman

Attested by:

Calvin Peters, Vice Chairman

Susan McFarlane Secretary