



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 98- 24
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 Bylaws 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 Bylaws 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 Bureau of Indian Affairs has announced its intention to implement a \$10 million pilot acquisition program in Fiscal Year 1999 to consolidate Indian lands at pilot sites through the acquisition of highly fractionated interests, dependent upon Congress providing funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Indian Affairs Central Office requests that recommendations for pilot sites be forwarded by the BIA Area Offices no later than May 1, 1998 in order that a final decision on pilot sites may be made no later than June 10, 1998; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council formed the Squaxin Island Task Force in 1997 to develop a comprehensive plan for Squaxin Island and to explore, among other issues, fractionation of land interest through heirship for Squaxin Island allotments; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes that the Squaxin Island Reservation meets all of the criteria developed by the Fractionated Heirship Task Force for selecting a pilot site for which implementation in Fiscal Year 1999 is highly feasible; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes that 82% of all trust interests on Squaxin Island (626 of 765 total) represent an individual ownership interest of less than 2% and encompass 152 acres.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby approve submission of an application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for consideration of the Squaxin Island Reservation as a pilot site under the Fractionated Heriship Pilot Program; and,

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

BE IF FINALLY 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 23 day of April, 1998, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 3 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.


Dave Whitener, Sr., Chairman

Attested by:  FJK
Sue McFarlane, Secretary


Cal Peters, Vice Chairman