

## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

Resolution 98-35
WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation by 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, education and general welfare of Tribal Members; and

WHEREAS, it is commendable to see Native Americans rise up to confront issues, to encourage pride and self-dignity of young Indian people, assure factual understanding among non-Indians, and it is imperative to eliminate the use of negative terms with derogatory references to Native Americans; and

WHEREAS, the word "squaw" is a corruption of American Indian words and is used in a derogatory manner by non-Indians, whether intentionally or unintentionally.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribe does support efforts to bring awareness and request for change on all public places and literature where offensive words are used.

## 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 this $\qquad$ day of _I_ 1998, at which time a quorum was present and passed by a vote of 4 for, and _O against, and $\qquad$ abstentions


David Whitener, Sr. Chairman


