

# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 98 - 46

OF THE

## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation by 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, education and general welfare of tribal members; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribe supports all efforts to peacefully resolve the current situation in Tibet through constructive dialogue between the People's Republic of China and the Tibetan Government; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribe supports the resolutions passed by the National congress of American Indians (NCAI) and Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI); **and**

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribe hereby calls on the United Nations to end its rhetorical and apathetic stance on human rights violations in Chinese occupied Tibet; **and**

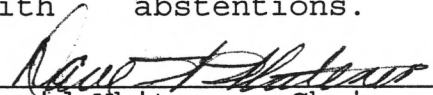
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**; that the UN act on the recommendations made by the International Commission of Jurists in their December 1997, report on Tibet for the United Nations to:

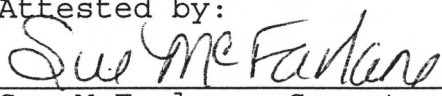
1. Resume its debate on the question of Tibet based on its resolutions of 1959, 1961, and 1965.
2. Appoint a special Rapporteur to investigate the situation of human rights in Chinese occupied Tibet.
3. Appoint a Special Envoy to promote a peaceful settlement of the question of Tibet and initiate a United Nation's plebiscite to ascertain the wishes of the Tibetan people; **and**

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that, the Squaxin Island Tribe does hereby call on China to end human rights violations in Tibet and respect fundamental human rights such as freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association, as recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 25th day of June, 1998, at which a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of for, and against with abstentions.

  
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David Whitener, Chairman

Attested by:  
  
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Sue McFarlane, Secretary

  
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Calvin Peters, Vice Chairman