



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 98- 77
of the
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes that the Census is vital to our Tribal community in that it determines the apportionment of seats in the United States House of Representatives and the Washington State Legislature, and is the basis for the allocation of billions of dollars of federal, state and county funds for social and other programs; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose for the Bureau of the Census, according to the U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 2, is to mandate an enumeration of the population every ten years, and under authority and guarantee of Title 13 laws of the Census Code, is required to keep all information collected in strictest confidence; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council understands that in the Census Bureau's understanding and implementation of the unique legal relationship between the United States Government and American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Governments, the Census Bureau is implementing a Tribal/Alaska Native Liaison Program throughout the United States for Census 2000 to provide program information, offer employment opportunities, and interact with all tribal entities in an effective, respectful and sensitive manner; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes the benefits of participating in Census 2000 to the Tribal community is the collection and receipt of valuable data that will be used by the Tribal government, Tribal staff, Tribal business ventures and numerous community, social and health programs located both, on and off Indian trust lands; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is committed to partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau in preparing for Census 2000 through, address list updates, census map corrections, and jurisdictional boundary updates; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been asked by the Census Bureau to appoint a Tribal Liaison to work with Census personnel and form a Complete Count Committee composed of key stakeholders within the Tribal community who will meet on a regular basis to discuss census issues, to help to publicize census activities, to promote employment and media opportunities, and to increase the overall involvement of the American Indian community in this knowledge based enterprise.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby proclaims Census 2000 as a top priority for the Squaxin Island Tribe to strengthen public awareness to decrease census undercounts for American Indian people and to work together to improve the accuracy and quality of census taking results for CENSUS 2000.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council appoints David Frey as the Census Liaison and point of contact for the Squaxin Island Tribe for all matters related to Census 2000.


THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY 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 in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization on this particular 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 23rd day of July, 1998, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.



Dave Whitener, Sr., Chairman

Attested by:  FOR

Sue McFarlane, Secretary



Cal Peters, Vice Chairman