

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 99-02
of the
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies 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, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty 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 with protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; and,

WHEREAS, on December 17, 1998, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs issued through the Federal Register a notice of intent to form a Negotiated Rule Making Committee as required by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21); and,

WHEREAS, TEA-21 requires that committee membership represents the interests of geographically diverse small, medium, and large Indian Tribes; direct service, self-determination, and self-governance tribes; and various levels and types of experience in the diverse concerns of transportation and management; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes that small tribes in general have not shared equitably in the allocation of funding for Indian Reservation Roads under prior surface transportation funding authorization acts; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes that it is in the interest of the Squaxin Island Tribe and other small tribes in the BIA Portland Area to secure the nomination of a tribal leader from among the small tribes residing within the Portland Area as a representative to the Negotiated Rule Making Committee to assure that an equitable distribution of transportation funding among all tribes is allocated in the future.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby support the nomination of the Chairman of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council to the TEA-21 Negotiated Rule Making Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Chairman to represent the unique interests of small tribes residing within the Portland Area in the deliberations of the TEA-21 Negotiated Rule Making Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council authorizes the Tribal Chairman to negotiate in good faith to achieve consensus during the rule making process to benefit all tribes in the Portland Area and throughout the United States.

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 6th day of January, 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: Sue McFarlane
Sue McFarlane, Secretary


Cal Peters, Vice Chairman