

RESOLUTION NO. 99-<u>04</u> 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 January 6, 1999, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council adopted Resolution No. 99-02 supporting the nomination of the Chairman of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council to the Negotiated Rule Making Committee to be established by the Secretary of the Interior as required by the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21); and,

WHEREAS, representatives of 38 tribal governments convened on January 7, 1998 at the request of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Portland Area Office to select nominees for delegates and alternates to the TEA-21 Negotiated Rule Making Committee; and,

WHEREAS, David Whitener, Sr. was selected as one of the nominees to serve as one of the two delegates to the TEA-21 Negotiated Rule Making Committee as a representative of Northwest tribes; and,

WHEREAS, on January 10, 1999, the General Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe elected the seven-member Squaxin Island Tribal Council; and,

WHEREAS, it is the preference of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council that David Whitener, Sr., represent the Chairman of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council in all deliberations of the TEA-21 Negotiated Rule Making Committee, with all rights and privileges thereof.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby nominate David Whitener, Sr. as a delegate to the TEA-21 Negotiated Rule Making Committee to represent the interests of "small" tribes, Self-Governance tribes, and tribes whose primary components of the Indian Reservation Roads System are state or local roads.

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council authorizes David Whitener, Sr. 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 General Body meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 10th day of January, 1999, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and against with abstentions.

David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:

Sue McFarlane, Secretary

Cal Peters, Vice Chairman