



# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 99-05  
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 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Register notice stipulates that the Secretary of the Interior invites the tribes in each of the twelve BIA Areas to nominate two representatives to serve on the TEA-21 Negotiated Rule Making Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the BIA Portland Area includes 43 federally-recognized tribal governments residing within five states; and,

**WHEREAS**, those six BIA Areas including Aberdeen, Anadarko, Muskogee, Phoenix, Albuquerque, and Navajo represent relatively fewer tribes residing in only seven states - the Dakotas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Nevada, New Mexico, and Arizona.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby request that the Secretary of the Interior revise the makeup of the TEA-21 Negotiated Rule Making Committee to increase the representation from the Portland Area to equitably represent geographically diverse small, medium, and large Indian tribes.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1999, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

Dan Lopeman  
David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: Sue McFarlane  
Sue McFarlane, Secretary

Charlene Poste for Cal Peters  
Cal Peters, Vice Chairman