

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 99-13 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, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is an Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Recipient under the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA); and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is concerned about NAHASDA appropriations, future funding for new construction and programs including development of housing access roads, regulatory requirements and mandates, and NAHASDA implementation; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is specifically concerned about FY 1999 and FY2000 appropriations for the IHBG Program, ICDBG Program, Section 184 Loan Guarantee Program, FHA Section 248 Mortgage Insurance, and other federal housing programs for which Native American tribes are eligible; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is specifically concerned about future funding to maintain homes built under NAHASDA and to implement new rental assistance programs (Section 8) for those Native Americans most in need; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is concerned about the regulatory burden imposed by NAHASDA as well as the funding needed to meet these new requirements, specifically including environmental review for new projects, developing 1-year and 5-year housing plans annually, and preparing annual performance reports; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council believes that HUD is acting contrary to the self-determination intent of NAHASDA by regulating dwelling construction and equipment costs; and,

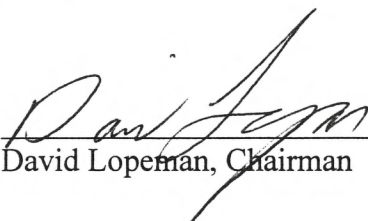
WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is concerned with HUD's implementation of NAHASDA, specifically failure by HUD to allow investment draws as authorized by NAHASDA and the Final Rule (24 CFR Part 1000), lack of clear definition for the two-year funding obligation deadline, and HUD's consistent failure to meet statutory and regulatory deadlines.

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has prepared a position statement in regard to each of these listed issues and summarized them in Attachment "A" to this Resolution.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the positions stated in Attachment "A" to this Resolution reflect the stance of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council on each of the issues and that they represent the unique interests of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

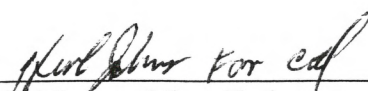
The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 28 day of January, 99, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.



David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: 

Sue McFarlane, Secretary



Cal Peters, Vice Chairman