

# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

## RESOLUTION NO. 99 - 19

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 the 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 the 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**, two applications are being made to the Rural Mobility Program by the Mason County Transportation Authority (MTA); and

**WHEREAS**, several promising activities were identified through a 1998 grant from the Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation (ACCT), which MTA is currently unable to sustain without impacting current operations; and

**WHEREAS**, MTA is committed to funding volunteer transportation to medical services not available in Mason County; and

**WHEREAS**, demands for such services have increased by over 80% in 1998 and requests in 1999 may exceed current budget allocations; and

**WHEREAS**, MTA desires to work with other local transportation agencies that have vehicles available at peak demand times for MTA, by using available school buses and integrating uses such as student transportation with general public service; and

**WHEREAS**, MTA utilizes a system of general public demand response service and flexible routes to assure full coverage of the service area; and

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**WHEREAS**, efficient operation is directly related to the ability of staff to coordinate trip requests and provide the public with accurate information; and

**WHEREAS**, the system in use was developed a number of years ago by the current MTA contractor who is unable to assure it will not fail upon entering year 2000 which will result in service disruption and loss of important rider data; and

**WHEREAS**, this system is also deficient in coordinating requests with route buses and efficiently linking trips so that MTA can keep pace with the demand; and

**WHEREAS**, replacing this system with state-of-the-art automated scheduling will be cost effective and allow MTA to efficiently manage operations; and

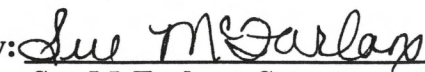
**WHEREAS**, MTA will install new software and train staff prior to year-end if the grant approval occurs in June, 1999.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Squaxin Island Tribe does support the applications being made to the Rural Mobility Program which will allow the Mason County Transportation Authority to expand it's local coordination and update their current computer dispatch system.

**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 **5th day of March, 1999**, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of **4** for and **0** against with **0** abstentions.

  
Dave Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:   
Sue McFarlane, Secretary

  
Cal Peters, Vice Chairman