

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 99-~~30~~ 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 Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced on March 18, 1999, the availability of funding through the Rural Housing and Economic Development Program for Fiscal Year 1999 to build capacity at the local level for rural housing and economic development and to support innovative housing and economic development activities in rural areas; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, by consensus decision on September 25, 1998, determined that they could best fulfill their duty to protect the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members residing in Reservation housing by withdrawing from the Southern Puget Sound Inter-Tribal Housing Authority and forming an independent Tribal Housing Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council negotiated a withdrawal settlement agreement with the Southern Puget Sound Inter-Tribal Housing Authority on April 23, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Whereas the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is in receipt of committed funding notifications in the total amount of \$2.5 million for housing and infrastructure development serving low and moderate income Tribal members on the Squaxin Island Reservation as follows: HUD FY97 Development Program (\$860,005), HUD FY97 and FY98 Indian Community Development Block Grant (\$655,000), Indian Health Service funds (\$140,000), Bureau of Indian Affairs Roads Construction funds (\$350,000), and Washington State Housing Trust Funds (\$500,000); and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is in receipt of Indian Housing Block Grant funding in the amount of \$777,918 for Fiscal Year 1998 anticipates IHBG funding of approximately \$804,000 for Fiscal Year 1999, that is committed by the Tribal Council for housing modernization and rehabilitation, land acquisition for housing, infrastructure development, mortgage assistance, and program administration and planning; and,

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes that there is a 20% cap on IHBG program administrative costs and that the other specified funding commitments were awarded almost entirely for construction and similar non-programmatic costs; and,


WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council further recognizes that while the 20% administrative cap on IHBG funds may be adequate for operating an existing housing program, it is thoroughly inadequate for building the needed capacity to establish a new housing program.

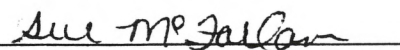
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize and support submission of a grant application and funding request to the HUD Rural Housing and Economic Development Program to establish and build capacity for the Squaxin Island Tribe to operate and manage its own Tribal Housing Program and to specifically and effectively manage the construction of its planned and funded \$2.5 million housing development project.

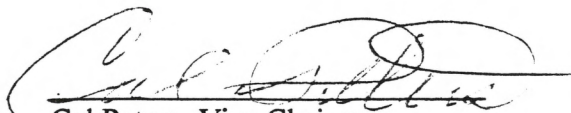
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, the Executive Director, or the Deputy Executive Director to be the Tribe's signatory and representative in all future matters requiring Tribal authorization on this particular project, and that these authorities shall be for the duration of this project.

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 29 day of April, 1999, 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