

## SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-60**  
**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 has supported the appointment of David Whitener, Sr., a former Chairman of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, to the TEA-21 Negotiated Rulemaking Committee by Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council continues to provide staff support to Mr. Whitener in fulfilling his duties on the Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware that Tribal and Federal Negotiators on the Committee reached agreement in April 1999 at Portland, Oregon on the Organization Protocols for the organization and process for the Committee; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware that Mr. Robert Baracker, Designated Federal Official for the Committee, has, since the Portland meeting, continually assured the Tribal representatives that the Protocols would be signed by the Secretary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware that as of June 21, 1999, the Protocols had not been executed by the Secretary of the Interior; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware that Secretary of Transportation, Rodney E. Slater, advised in a letter of March 15, 1999 to Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Kevin Gover, that Mr. Paul Los was "authorized to enter into full and binding agreements during the negotiated rulemaking on behalf of the Department of Transportation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is unaware of a comparable level of commitment and authorization by the Department of the Interior to this vitally important process as that demonstrated by the Department of Transportation; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware that Tribal representatives to the Committee called for a suspension of formal negotiations between Tribal and Federal representatives to the Committee on June 21, 1999 and continuing until the Protocols are executed; and,

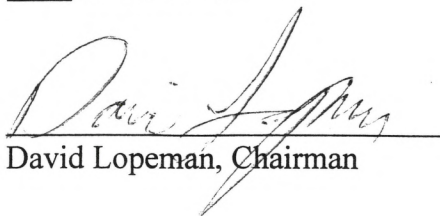
**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is aware that Federal representatives to the Committee joined Tribal representatives in suspending formal negotiations on June 24, 1999.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby support the suspension of formal negotiations by the Committee until the Organization Protocols are fully executed or a comparable level of assurance is provided that Federal negotiators have the authority to enter in to full and binding agreements with Tribal negotiators.

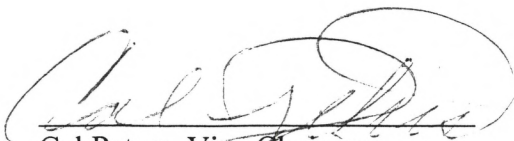
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby urge the Secretary of the Interior to promptly execute the Organizational Protocols for the TEA-21 Negotiated Rulemaking Committee.

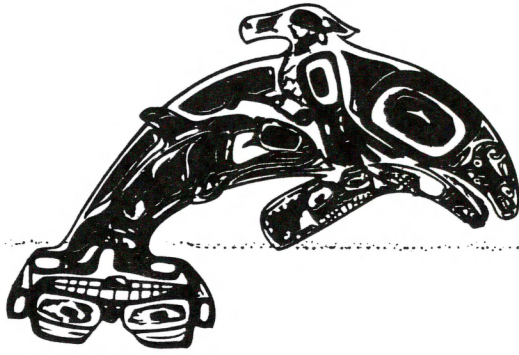
### CERTIFICATION

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 June 1999, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

  
David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:   
Sue McFarlane, Secretary

  
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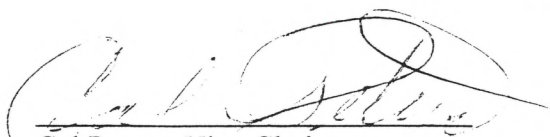
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The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 28 day of June 1999, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

  
David Lopeman, Chairman

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Sue McFarlane, Secretary

  
Cal Peters, Vice Chairman