

# SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 99-85  
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 September 16, 1999 in matters before the United States Senate regarding passage of the Transportation Appropriations bill, Mr. Domenici, the Senator from New Mexico, described the deplorable condition of the roads included under the Indian Reservation Roads program administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Domenici further requested that due to adjustments resulting from the revenue aligned budget authority (RABA) allocation formula, "the Indian Roads program will receive \$275 million, instead of the full \$289.5 million that would be allocated under TEA-21;" and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Domenici finally requested that "the Chairman (Mr. Shelby) pledge to make every effort to sustain full funding of the Indian Reservation Roads program as provided in TEA-21;" and,

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shelby, the Senator from Alabama, did "pledge to work for full funding of the Indian Reservation Roads program as provided in TEA-21;" and,

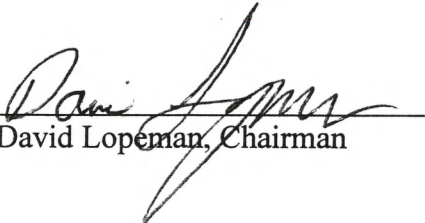
**WHEREAS**, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes that full funding restoration for the Indian Reservation Roads program must include distributing the obligation authority for fiscal year 2000 through 2003 at §1102 (c)(1) of TEA-21, as it was under the Inter-Modal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), rather than at §1102 (c)(5), as under TEA-21.

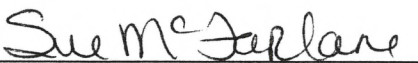
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby request that the Conferees to the Fiscal Year 2000 Transportation Appropriations Conference Committee work to secure full funding for the Indian Reservation Roads program at a level of \$289.5 million to correct the deplorable state of Indian roads in the Nation.


**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby request that the obligation ceiling for the Indian Reservation Roads program be established under TEA-21 at §1102 (c)(1) rather than at §1102 (c)(5), restoring approximately \$32 million in obligation authority to correct the deplorable state of Indian roads in the Nation.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 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