



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 23-58

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 tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe is a federally-recognized Indian Tribe possessing reserved powers, including the powers of self-government; 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 Tribal Council has established a Court system pursuant to Squaxin Island Tribal Code Title 4; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council has empowered the Court to “Take all necessary and proper actions to insure that the intent of the Tribal Council is fulfilled, and that the jurisdiction of the Tribal Court to interpret and apply that intent is preserved and protected.” Squaxin Island Tribal Code section 4.04.040(A)(2); and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that the Court will be better able to “insure that the intent of the Tribal Council is fulfilled” if the Court can provide legal forms for litigants to use in filing pleadings with the Court, in subject matters that include, but are not limited to: probate; protection orders; and the youth court;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Council finds that these legal forms shall be subject to the approval of the Judges of the Squaxin Island Court;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that any judge of the Court, the Tribe's legal department, or the Clerk's office may draft proposed legal forms for this use and submit them for approval by the Judges of the Squaxin Island Court; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, once approved, the forms shall be made available by the Court Clerk to litigants in the Squaxin Island Court;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that, provision of these forms by the Court Clerk shall not constitute and shall not be considered legal advice.

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby certifies that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 14th day of September, 2023, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.

Kristopher K Peters
Kristopher K Peters (Sep 15, 2023 10:01 PDT)

Kris Peters, Chairman

Attested by: 
Patrick Braese (Sep 15, 2023 10:03 PDT)

Patrick Braese, Secretary

Jaimie Cruz
Jaimie Cruz (Sep 15, 2023 12:43 PDT)

Jaimie Cruz, Vice Chair












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