



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 24-26

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, Public Law 83-280 (PL-280) was enacted by Congress in 1953 and in Washington provided for Tribes to opt-in to State acceptance of certain criminal and civil jurisdiction in Indian country; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe approved of a grant of civil and criminal authority to Washington state by Tribal Council Resolution dated June 23, 1959, with the State subsequently accepting jurisdiction by Proclamation of the Governor dated September 25, 1959; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, Congress enacted the Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA) and amended 25 U.S.C. 1321(a) so the United States Attorney General must accept federal concurrent jurisdiction with respect to an opt-in PL-280 tribe's Indian country, upon request of the Tribe; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby request the United States assumption of concurrent federal jurisdiction, by letter dated April 11, 2024.

FURTHER, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby authorizes and directs its Chairman, Kris Peters, to sign and submit the request to the Department of Justice, Office of Tribal Justice.

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 11th day of April, 2024, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.

Kristopher Peters
Kristopher Peters (Apr 12, 2024 09:33 PDT)

Kristopher Peters, Chair

Attested by: *Marvin E. Campbell*
Marvin E. Campbell (Apr 13, 2024 06:15 PDT)

Marvin Campbell, Treasurer

Jaimie Cruz
Jaimie Cruz (Apr 12, 2024 11:15 PDT)

Jaimie Cruz, Vice Chair











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