

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE



RESOLUTION NO. 24- <u>57</u>

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 U.S. Department of Homeland Security, through the Washington State Military Department, has announced the availability of grant funds under the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program to enhance emergency management programs based on identified need and priorities to strengthen state, local and tribal abilities to support emergency management mission areas while simultaneously addressing the issue of national concern; and

WHEREAS, Squaxin Island Tribal Council recognizes that the Tribe is in need of funds for enhancing the Tribe's Emergency Program to meet the needs and priorities established by the Tribal government and community; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Emergency Operations Center ("EOC") has identified a need for enhancing the radio communications capabilities of the Tribe with the desired outcome of interoperable communications between Tribal critical infrastructure, Mason County EOC, Law Enforcement, Fire Departments and the Mason County government entities like Public Works; and

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WHEREAS, included in the General Terms and Conditions in Attachment B of the grant agreement, is a provision that require the Tribal Council to consider a limited waiver of sovereign immunity, Section A.36 Venue, as stated below:

<u>A.36 Venue.</u> This agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and the validity and performance shall be governed by, the laws of the state of Washington. Venue of any suit between the parties arising out of this Agreement shall be the Superior Court of Thurston County, Washington. The Subrecipient, by execution of this Agreement, acknowledges the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Washington.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council specifically limits its authorization, as stated below:

The limited waiver of sovereign immunity is provided solely to the Washington State Military Department, and not for the benefit of any other party, and may not be assigned or transferred by the Washington State Military Department.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tribal Council hereby approves of the completion of the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement, to enhance radio communications and interoperable communications between local partners;

FINALLY, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby authorize the Tribal Chairman, Kris Peters, or its Executive Director, Erika Thale, to be the Tribe's signatory to the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement.

CERTIFICATION

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