



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 19-16

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 Squaxin Island Tribal Council finds that regulation of enrollment is essential to the health and welfare of the Squaxin Island Tribe and its members; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council adopted Title 5, the Squaxin Island Enrollment Code by Resolution 10-31; and

WHEREAS, the Enrollment Code as written requires additional clarification as to process for relinquishment, including for a minor or incompetent adult's relinquishment of Squaxin membership; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council hereby adopts the following amendment to the Enrollment Code, Title 5. Section 5.04.010 shall be revised to read as follows:

5.04.010 Relinquishment.

- A. Any adult member may voluntarily relinquish his or her membership.
- B. Any minor or incompetent adult may voluntarily relinquish his or her membership if the relinquishment request is signed by ~~a biological parent or his or her legal guardian(s)~~. Ideally, both biological parents, if they are the legal guardians, should sign the relinquishment request. If only one biological parent who is the legal guardian signs the relinquishment request, it must be the custodial parent.
- C. ~~To be effective, the~~ relinquishment request shall be expressed in writing on a form prepared by the Enrollment Officer. The writing shall include an attestation by ~~the~~ relinquishing adult member that he or she is competent and doing so freely, voluntarily, and without duress or undue influence. The signature on the relinquishment shall be notarized. ~~No further action is required for a relinquishment to become effective.~~
- D. The Enrollment Officer shall encourage an adult member, or ~~the a parent or legal guardian~~ acting on a minor or incompetent adult's behalf, to relinquish by using a conditional relinquishment form. In such case, the relinquishment shall become effective by Tribal Council resolution after upon the acceptance of that person into the membership of another tribe. The relinquishing member's name shall not be removed from the Squaxin Island Tribe's Supplemental Roll until the Enrollment Officer receives documentation of the person's acceptance into the other tribe.
- E. If a member or his or her legal guardian elects to relinquish in writing without using the conditional relinquishment form, the Enrollment Officer shall will comply with those the member's wishes and shall remove the member's name from the Supplemental Roll with the effective date being the date expressed on the authorizing Tribal Council resolution as the effective date that the relinquishment was received by the Enrollment Officer.
- F. ~~The Enrollment Officer shall keep the Enrollment Committee continually updated of all new relinquishments. After the Enrollment Committee recommends taking the relinquishment application to Council, the Enrollment Officer~~ shall submit to the Tribal Council resolutions on relinquishments.

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 March, 2019, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 5 for and 0 against, with 0 abstentions.



Arnold Cooper, Chairman

Attested by:  for _____
Jeremy Walls, Secretary



Charlene Krise, Vice Chair