



YUROK TRIBE

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RESOLUTION

of the

YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO: 20-113

DATE APPROVED: October 29, 2020

SUBJECT: **Appointing the Yurok Tribe’s Public Health Officer**

WHEREAS: The Yurok Tribe is a sovereign nation,

WHEREAS: The Yurok Tribal Council is the governing body of the Yurok Tribe under the authority of the Yurok Constitution of 1993,

WHEREAS: The Yurok Tribe is a federally recognized Tribe,

WHEREAS: The Yurok Tribe is eligible for all rights and privileges afforded to federally recognized Tribes,

WHEREAS: The Yurok Constitution was adopted in order to preserve forever the survival of the Yurok Tribe and protect it from forces which may threaten its existence and to provide for the health of its members and future members,

WHEREAS: The Yurok Tribal Council declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic through Resolution 20-21 on March 13, 2020,

WHEREAS: The Yurok Tribe and the State of California are in a State of Emergency because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The spread of COVID-19 is a substantial danger to the health of the public within the Yurok Reservation. COVID-19 can easily spread between persons who are in close contact with one another,

WHEREAS: The age, demographics, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the Yurok Tribe places its members at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19. Persons have been shown to be infectious up to 48 hours before onset of symptoms, and as many as 50% of infections seem to occur in asymptomatic persons. All persons who contract COVID-19, regardless of their level of symptoms (none, mild, or severe), may place other vulnerable members of the public at significant risk.

Currently, there is no vaccine available to protect against COVID-19 and no specific treatment.

WHEREAS: The COVID-19 Pandemic is expected to immediately overwhelm limited tribal resources in the event of any community-spread outbreak, as well as compromise the Yurok Tribe's ability to provide critical services to tribal members, thereby increasing the ongoing health and safety risks to Yurok members, reservation residents, property, environment, cultural knowledge, and the political integrity of the tribal government.

WHEREAS: The Yurok Tribe's response to COVID-19, and the response of surrounding governments, must be adaptable to frequently changing circumstances, including shift in number of positive COVID-19 cases, new health information, future availability of effective vaccine(s) or treatment(s), and impact on the health, safety, and political integrity of the Yurok Tribe and its members.

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the Yurok Tribe Public Health Ordinance, the Yurok Tribe Chairperson, with the advice and consent of Yurok Tribal Council or acting alone in case of imminent hazard, may appoint a Public Health Officer for the Yurok Tribe.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Yurok Tribe Chairperson, with the advice and consent of the Yurok Tribal Council appoints Serene Hayden as the Yurok Tribe's Public Health Officer;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: This appointment is on a temporary basis, through December 31, 2021;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: This appointment requires close collaboration with Yurok Tribal Council;

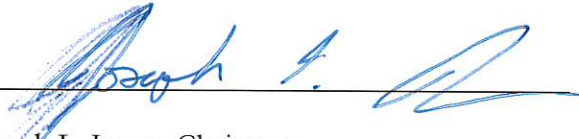
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That nothing in this resolution shall be construed as a waiver of the Yurok Tribe's sovereign immunity; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Chairperson is hereby authorized to sign this resolution and to negotiate all matters pertaining hereto and that the Council Secretary is authorized to attest.

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This is to certify that this Resolution Number 20-113 was approved at a duly called meeting of the Yurok Tribal Council on October 29, 2020, at which a quorum was present and that this Resolution Number 20-113 was adopted by a vote of 5 for and 3 opposed and 0 abstentions in accordance with Article IV, Section 5(j) of the Constitution of the Yurok Tribe. This Resolution Number 20-113 has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

DATED THIS 29th DAY OF October, 2020



Joseph L. James, Chairman

Yurok Tribal Council

ATTEST:



Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

Yurok Tribal Council