RESOLUTION OF THE
WIYOT TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-44

Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Pursuant to Agreement with Humboldt County on Law Enforcement Services

Whereas: The Wiyot Tribe is a federally recognized Indian tribe with inherent powers of self-government protected by federal law and the Tribe's Constitution; and

Whereas: The Wiyot Tribal Council is the governing body of the Wiyot Tribe under the authority of the Constitution of the Tribe; and

Whereas: Article VI, Section 1(b) of the Constitution of the Wiyot Tribe authorizes the Tribal Council to negotiate agreements and regulate relations with local governments, including agencies of counties; and

Whereas: Article VI, Section 1(d) of the Constitution of the Wiyot Tribe authorizes and directs the Tribal Council to "promote the health, education and general welfare of the Citizens of the Tribe"; and

Whereas: Article VI, Section 1(o) of the Constitution of the Wiyot Tribe authorizes the Tribal Council to waive the sovereign immunity of the Tribe "when it seems necessary to further the interests of the Tribe and its citizens"; and

Whereas: An agreement has been negotiated and finalized under which the Humboldt County Sheriff will provide law enforcement services to the Wiyot Tribe from December 1, 2025, or at such earlier time as the Parties may agree in writing, and, unless sooner terminated as provided herein, shall terminate on October 30, 2028, according to a schedule for one deputy of four (4) days a week with ten (10) hours shifts, including regular check-ins at the Tribal Headquarters and random patrol checks of the Tribal Lands and Tribal residences in the Eel River Valley; and

Whereas: The agreement provides that in exchange for these services that the Wiyot Tribe will pay Humboldt County One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars ($170,000), payable on a quarterly basis in the amount of Forty Thousand ($42,500.00) each quarter; and

Whereas: The agreement provides that the Wiyot Tribe agrees to waive by resolution of its Tribal Council its immunity from unconsented suit for claims by the Sheriff that the Tribe has violated any provision of the agreement or that seeks to resolve any dispute concerning the interpretation, implementation or enforcement of the agreement, provided however, that such waiver does not include tort claims, claims for exemplary or punitive damages or any other claims not related to contract law, and that the waiver is limited to the remedy of specific performance only; and

Whereas: The Wiyot Tribal Council approved the agreement at a regularly scheduled meeting with a quorum present on November 13, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLOVED, that the Wiyot Tribal Council hereby waives the Wiyot Tribe's sovereign immunity from unconsented suit on the terms and conditions set forth in section 15, Limited Wavier of Sovereign Immunity, in the Agreement.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Resolution was approved at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Wiyot Tribal Council on November 13, 2025, at which a quorum was present, and that this Resolution was adopted by a vote of 4 Yes, Ø No, ___ and Ø Abstentions. This Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Brian Mead, Chairman
Wiyot Tribe

ATTEST: Hazel James
Hazel James , Vice Chair
Wiyot Tribe