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COUNTY OF HUMBOLT

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June 26, 2007

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KARUK TRIBAL COURT

Ms. April Attebury Tribal Court Administrator Karuk Tribal Court P O Box 629 Yreka, CA 96097

RE:

Letter of Intent

Dear Ms. Attebury:

Enclosed please find a signed original copy of the Letter of Intent. We have kept the other original signed copy for our files.

Please feel free to contact me should you need to.

Sincerely,

Humboldt County (707) 268-3611

GP:crm enclosure

cc: Karen Roebuck, County Counsel
Undersheriff Downey
Lts. Morey, Thomas and Jimenez
Sgt. Fridley (Hoopa)

LETTER OF INTENT

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and the Karuk Tribe, a federally recognized Indian tribe, mutually enter into this Letter of Intent to cooperate, communicate and work in conjunction with one another surrounding issues of the recognition and enforcement of Karuk Tribal Court Orders regarding domestic violence prevention and child custody.

SECTION L

General Recitals:

- 1. The purpose of this Letter of Intent is to describe and establish a process through which the parties can work collaboratively to achieve mutual goals and objectives.
- 2. The parties to this Letter of Intent agree that cooperation, communication and working in conjunction with each other will be beneficial to each party.
- 3. The parties to this Letter of Intent agree that this is an agreement on procedure and communication to begin a working process for the recognition, service, and enforcement of Karuk Tribal Court Orders regarding domestic violence prevention and child custody. This Letter of Intent is not intended to confer legal rights or benefits on either party to this agreement or on any third party. This Letter of Intent is not intended to be enforceable in any jurisdiction.
- 4. This Letter of Intent creates no financial obligation on the part of either party.
- 5. This Letter of Intent shall commence upon signature of both parties and continue for one year from that date.
- 6. At any time and for any reason, upon sixty (60) days written notice to the other party, either party may terminate this Letter of Intent. Notice shall be sent by United States mail, postage pre-paid.
- Notices shall be given to the Karuk Tribe at the following address:

Karuk Tribe 64236 Second Avenue

P.O. Box 1016

Happy Camp, California 96039

8. Notices shall be given to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at the following address:

Humboldt County Sheriff's Office 826 4th Street Eureka, California 95501

- 9. "DVROS" means the California Department of Justice Domestic Violence Restraining Order System, a statewide data-base of persons subject to a restraining order.
- 10. A map of the Karuk Tribal Service Area is attached hereto as Appendix A.

SECTION IL

Obligations of Both Parties:

1. Cooperate, communicate and work in conjunction with each other surrounding issues of the recognition and enforcement of Karuk Tribal Court Orders regarding domestic violence prevention and child custody.

SECTION III.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Recognizes:

- 1. That the Karuk Tribe is a federally recognized Indian tribe.
- 2. That the Karuk Tribe's Orleans Community is *Indian Country*, as defined by 18 U.S.C. 1151, wholly located within the boundaries of Humboldt County, California.
- 3. That pursuant to the United States Violence Against Women Act, and specifically 18 U.S.C. 2265, a protection order issued by the court of an Indian tribe shall be accorded full faith and credit by the courts of another state, and enforced by the law enforcement personnel of the other state.
- 4. That pursuant to the Uniform Interstate Enforcement of Domestic Violence Protection Orders Act, California Family Code sections 6400 et seq., and specifically California Family Code sections 6401 and 6403, upon determining that there is probable cause to believe that a valid protection order from an Indian Tribe exists and that the order has been violated, law enforcement officers in California shall enforce the order as if it were the order of a tribunal of California.
- That pursuant to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act, California Family Code sections 3400 et seq., and specifically California Family Code sections 3402(p), 3404(b), and 3445, a child custody determination from a federally recognized Indian tribe is treated by the courts of California as a child custody determination as if it were from a state of the United States for the purpose of applying the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

SECTION IV.

The Karuk Tribe Recognizes:

- 1. That under controlling federal law, Public Law 280 (18 U.S.C. 1162,) the criminal laws of the State of California, including those laws related to domestic violence, are applicable within the boundaries of the Orleans Community, Karuk Tribal Service Area.
- 2. That pursuant to California Penal Code section 136.2(b), an emergency protective order issued pursuant to California Family Code sections 6250 et seq. or Penal Code Section 646.91 shall have precedence in enforcement over another restraining or protective order, subject to certain conditions.
- 3. That pursuant to California Penal Code section 136.2(e), in those cases in which a complaint, information, or indictment charging a crime of domestic violence in a California court, as defined in California Penal Code section 13700, has been issued, a restraining order or protective order against the defendant issued by the California criminal court in that case has precedence in enforcement over any civil court order against the defendant, except for an emergency protective order as referenced above in Paragraph 2 of this Section of the Letter of Intent.

SECTION V.

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Agrees To:

- 1. Accept for service by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Karuk Tribal Court domestic violence prevention orders and child custody orders in the same manner as it accepts any other court orders for service.
- 2. Submit a proof of service for a Karuk Tribal Court domestic violence prevention order that has been registered with a California Court, served by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, directly into the California Department of Justice Domestic Violence Restraining Order System, and transmit the original proof of service form to the issuing Karuk Tribal Court, in accordance with California Family Code sections 6380 and 6404.
- 3. Submit a proof of service for a Karuk Tribal Court domestic violence prevention order that has been registered with a California Court, served by someone other than the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, directly into the California Department of Justice Domestic Violence Restraining Order System, in accordance with California Family Code sections 6380 and 6404.
- 4. Add reported violations of Karuk Tribal Court domestic violence prevention orders to an existing restraining order record in the DVROS

Transmit an original proof of service form to the issuing Karuk Tribal Court for a
Karuk Tribal Court child custody order served by the Humboldt County Sheriff's
Office.

SECTION VI.

The Karuk Tribe Agrees To:

 Inform and update the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of the mailing and physical addresses of the Karuk Tribal Court.

2. Inform and update the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of the title of a contact person at the Karuk Tribal Court who deals with the administrative, operational, or clerical aspects of tribal court domestic violence prevention and child custody orders.

We, the undersigned, as authorized representatives of the Karuk Tribe and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, do hereby approve this document.

Arch Super, Karuk Tribe Chairporson

Gary Philp, Sheriff of Ilumboldt County

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