



Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria



CHER-AE HEIGHTS INDIAN COMMUNITY OF THE TRINIDAD RANCHERIA RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.: TC-20-02

RESOLUTION : STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND IMMINENT THREAT IMPACTING THE CHER-AE HEIGHTS INDIAN COMMUNITY OF THE TRINIDAD RANCHERIA'S ABILITY TO ADEQUATELY PROVIDE CRITICAL SERVICES TO TRIBAL MEMBERS ON AND OFF THE TRINIDAD RANCHERIA.

WHEREAS: The Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria (Trinidad Rancheria) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe located in California and has a government-to-government relationship with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS: The Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria (Trinidad Rancheria) is eligible for all rights and privileges afforded to federally recognized Indian Tribes and possesses the legal authority to apply for the grant and execute the proposed program; and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Article IV of the Constitution of the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria the Tribal Council has the duty to govern all the people, resources, land, and water reserved to the Tribe in accordance with this Constitution, such laws as may hereinafter be adopted by the Tribal Council, such limitations as may lawfully be imposed by the Tribal Council, and such limitations as may be lawfully imposed by the statutes or the Constitution of the United States; and

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 Trinidad Rancheria's ability to provide critical services to tribal members, thereby increasing the ongoing health and safety risks to our people, property and environment; and



- WHEREAS:** On January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization announced the outbreak of a novel coronavirus, COVID-19, which causes infectious disease and was first detected in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019, and symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath and outcomes have ranged from mild to severe illness, and in some cases death; and
- WHEREAS:** On January 31, 2020, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States to aid the nation's health care community in responding to COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS:** On March 13, 2020 the President of the United States declared a national emergency in response to the evolving public health crisis due to COVID-19 virus; and
- WHEREAS:** The COVID-19 Pandemic affecting Humboldt County, the State of California, the United States of America, and globally, has created a Public Health Emergency and Imminent Threat on the Trinidad Rancheria Trust lands and ancestral territory and region, resulting in the health and safety of people, property, and our environment being seriously impacted and threatened; and
- WHEREAS:** The Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Council recognizes an imminent threat of an outbreak of COVID-19 in the Trinidad Rancheria Community; and
- WHEREAS:** The health, safety and welfare of Trinidad Rancheria Tribal Members, residents, and tribal staff and visitors is of utmost importance to the Tribe and additional measures may be needed to protect the community; and
- WHEREAS:** The Trinidad Rancheria may require additional assistance in the future and a formal declaration of emergency allows additional resources to flow to the Tribe in a timely fashion; and
- WHEREAS:** Existing conditions related to the COVID-19 warrant the proclamation of emergency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribal Council of the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria hereby declares a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Public Health Emergency and Imminent Threat Impacting the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria's ability to adequately provide critical services to Tribal Members on and off the Trinidad Rancheria.

BE IT FURETHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the
Federal Emergency Management Agency.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that **Resolution TC-20-02** was approved through standard polling procedures of the Tribal Council, through which a quorum was established, and that this Resolution was amended by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2020:



Garth Sundberg, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Amy Atkins, Recording Secretary