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**RESOLUTION OF THE
KARUK TRIBE**

Resolution No: 24-R-180

Date Approved: October 24, 2024

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE KARUK TRIBE TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONSORTIUM, SERVING AS LEAD AGENCY COLLABORATOR, TO IMPROVE COORDINATION, CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION TOWARD AN IMPROVED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribe is a Sovereign Aboriginal People, that have lived on their own land since long before the European influx of white men came to this continent; and

WHEREAS; the members of the Karuk Tribe have approved Article VI of the Constitution delegating to the Tribal Council the authority and responsibility to exercise by resolution or enactment of Tribal laws all the inherent sovereign powers vested in the Tribe as a Sovereign Aboriginal People, including negotiating and contracting with federal, state, Tribal and local governments, private agencies and consultants; and

WHEREAS; the members of the Karuk Tribe have approved Article VIII of the Constitution assigning duties to the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary/Treasurer including signing and executing all contracts and official documents pertaining to the Karuk Tribe; and

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribe is a federally recognized Tribe and its Tribal Council is eligible to and is designated as an organization authorized to Contract pursuant to P.L. 93-638, as amended, on behalf of the Karuk Tribe; and

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribal Council endorsed the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People on January 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribe supports a Regional Multi-jurisdictional Transportation Consortium to improve the conditions, maintenance, functionality, and safety of regional transportation infrastructure to provide a public multi-modal safe thoroughway for all travelers; and

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribe has brought national attention to the insufficient and failing transportation infrastructure of the region, which its byways provide critical ingress and egress access throughout the area with a key connection between the tribal and non-tribal communities; and

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribe has expressed concerns that the transportation network that supports aboriginal and trust lands, along with other regional federal lands and forests, are not properly maintained or improved pursuant to the US trust responsibility to the Karuk Tribe and the regional public; and

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribe, and its regional transportation partners, have received insufficient transportation infrastructure funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to maintain and improve the functionality and safety of the regional transportation network; and

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribe maintains a GIS-driven Asset Management System supported by an updated Long-Range Transportation and Safety Plan, specific to the transportation infrastructure critical to the Tribe, which is allowable for inclusion into the National Tribal Transportation Facility Inventory (NTTFI) as recorded officially in the Roads Inventory Field Data System (RIFDS), and as governed by the Federal Register 25 CFR Part 170; and

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribe initiates a proactive approach to address the regional transportation needs, which advocates establishing a Regional Transportation Consortium that will include representatives from FHWA, Caltrans Districts One (1) and Two (2), Humboldt County, Siskiyou County, US Forest Service Klamath and Six Rivers National Forests (and other future potential stakeholders as determined beneficial by the Tribe); and

WHEREAS; the Karuk Tribe hosted two (2) opening Partnership Gatherings on September 24th and 25th, 2024 in Happy Camp and Orleans, CA to organize stakeholders and determine a need for the Consortium; and

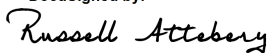
WHEREAS; Based on the positive responses of establishing the Consortium, the Karuk Tribe supports the formation of a Consortium to serve and support transportation needs and designates this group as the “Karuk Regional Transportation Consortium” (KRTC); now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Karuk Tribe authorizes the Karuk Director of Transportation to work with FHWA and the other Jurisdictional Partners to establish and work as a founding representative of the Regional Transportation Consortium, and the Karuk Tribe will identify and nominate one Tribal Council member from each of the tribal communities to represent the Tribe, in coordination with the Transportation Director, in the establishment and workings of the Regional Transportation Consortium; now

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that the Karuk Tribal Council authorizes the Tribe to enter into a multi-jurisdictional transportation consortium serving as lead agency collaborator to improve coordination, consultation, and collaboration toward an improved regional transportation infrastructure within Karuk Aboriginal Territory.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify the foregoing resolution 24-R-180 which was approved at a Council Meeting on October 24, 2024, was duly adopted by a vote of 5 AYES, 0 NOES, 1 ABSTAIN, and said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. The Tribal Council is comprised of 9 members of which 6 voted.

DocuSigned by:

 Russell Attebery, Chairman

10/25/2024
 Date

DocuSigned by:

 Scott Quinn, Secretary/Treasurer

10/27/2024
 Date