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My name is Talonna Marshall, and I'm honored to announce my candidacy for Member at Large representing the Orleans District of the Karuk Tribe.

As a mother and lifelong community member, I've seen both the strength of our people and the challenges we face. I witness the needs of our youth, our elders, and our families every day — and I believe those needs deserve attention, resources, and real action.

I'm running because I believe in us. I believe in our sovereignty, our culture, and our right to thrive. I bring a strong voice, new ideas, and a deep fire in my heart to serve our people. I'm not above the struggles — I face many of the same issues myself. That's why I'm committed to doing all I can to address these challenges and create a stronger, healthier community for everyone.

I will fight for more opportunities, better access to services, cultural revitalization, and leadership that truly reflects the will and welfare of our people. This is more than just holding a seat — it's about standing up, speaking out, and showing up for Orleans. I am ready to listen, to work hard, and to be a strong representative for every Karuk citizen in our district.

My heart is especially with our elders. I was raised to love and respect them deeply, and that commitment runs through everything I do. I am currently finishing my bachelor's degree in social welfare with a focus in gerontology because I want to ensure our elders are seen, cared for, and supported. They carry our knowledge, our stories, and our strength — and they deserve nothing less than our full attention.

I am a proud Karuk woman, born and raised in our aboriginal territories. I am an Aubrey — the great-granddaughter of Bessie Aubrey — and I carry that legacy forward with pride and purpose.

I've lived in Humboldt County for the past 10 years, and I understand the differences between our counties. I want to be a voice for those living just outside the service area — because we are all the same people, and we all deserve to be seen and supported. I cannot promise everything, but I will always fight for positive change for all of our people.

With humility and determination, I ask for your support and your vote. Let's make sure Orleans is heard, valued, and empowered — together.

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