

Letter of Support



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Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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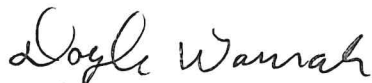
We are writing to show our strong support for your consideration of naming the Alderpoint bridge after Trevor Earley. The Eel River Wailaki is a 501 C3 non-profit organization. We are of native descent and have strong generational and historical ties to the Southern part of Humboldt County, along the Eel River and in the hills of Alderpoint. The primary mission of the Eel River Wailaki is to educate people about our Native American culture, tradition, and history as it pertains to the local historic Eel River Wailaki Tribe. We work with the community, local groups, and other partnering organizations to protect the environment in supporting land restoration projects that promote preservation of anything of cultural significance within all known historic boundaries of the Wailaki Ancestral Lands inclusive to lands above the high water mark.

Trevor was born in Garberville, CA and attended Casterlin Elementary School from K-6th grade. In 7th grade Trevor transferred to Ferndale where he continued his education leading up to his Senior year. He was a dedicated athlete, actively participating in a variety of sports such as little league, basketball, football and wrestling. Trevor was undefeated locally throughout the duration of his wrestling career and competed in the California State Final Wrestling Tournament three years in a row, earning 2nd, 5th, and 8th places. After graduating from Ferndale High, he moved back home to Alderpoint CA wanting to build a life of his own, in his hometown.

Trevor was a soft-hearted, gentle soul, a great community member and left an unforgettable imprint everywhere he went. He was of Wailaki descent and to know him, was to love him. Since his passing, there is a huge void deep in the hills of Humboldt and the community at large is suffering greatly from this tragic loss. The Alderpoint bridge is thought of as "**Trevor's bridge**" and has been the gathering spot for friends and family since his passing and the place where his beloved community goes to mourn and to still feel close to him.


There is no amount of time that ever truly heals the loss of a loved one. We feel that by naming the bridge after Trevor in his honor, that this might help aid in the grieving process to the loved ones he's left behind and help give the Alderpoint community a little bit of peace and comfort through this tragic loss. Thank you for taking a moment to read our letter and for your consideration in naming the bridge, after one of our own.

Kind regards,


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