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Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Office of Federal Acknowledgement MS-34B-SIB 1951 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20240

RE Support for Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation Petition for Federal Acknowledgement

Dear Assistant Secretary:

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in support of the Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation's petition to become federally recognized. The Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation has submitted a petition for federal acknowledgement and is being placed on an active list for review.

Since before 1900, the Nor Rel Muk has been identified as an Indian tribe and is a distinct Indian community. The tribe has an operating Tribal Council, Constitution, Bylaws and Enrollment Ordinance. All members of the tribe are descendants from a list of core families listed in official rolls of California Indians and from Tribal history and are not members of any other acknowledged tribe. Further, the Nor Rel Muk has never been terminated or forbidden from federal acknowledgment by Congress.

The Nor Rel Muk are guardians of their ancestral land and are passionate in ensuring the long term health of the local natural and cultural resources.

We encourage your office to approve the Nor Rel Muk Wintu Nation's petition to become a federally recognized tribe. Thank you for your consideration of this very important request.

Sineerely,

Rex Bohn, Chair

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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