



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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11/10/2020	2	Board of Supervisors	approved	Pass

**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Administration

**Agenda Section:** Consent

### SUBJECT:

Government-to-Government Letter Asking Tribal Leaders to Accept Initial Updates from the Department of Health & Human Services and Develop a Method to Accept Future Updates

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Authorizes the Chair to sign the letters to the Northern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (NCTCA) and Chairs of the Eight Tribes in Humboldt.

### SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

### DISCUSSION:

The Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS)- Child Welfare Services (CWS) is continuing its efforts to change processes, procedures, and organizational culture to better serve Native American children and families. A formal protocol for communication with the Tribal Chairs, established government to government, would enable DHHS-CWS to provide needed updates and establish a mechanism for addressing inquiries and feedback. The attached letters initiate the request.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by building interjurisdictional and regional cooperation.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Northern California Tribal Chairmen's Association

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose to not authorize signing of the attached letters. This is not recommended as DHHS-CWS's ability to move forward with work to better serve Native American children and families requires that they provide updates to and receive feedback from Tribal Chairs.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Government to Government letter Tribal Chairs 2020-11-03
2. Government to Government letter NCTCA 2020-11-03

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A

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