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Grand Jury  
Humboldt County Superior Court  
825 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

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RE: Grand Jury 2022 Report: Collaborative Community Quest

Dear Honorable Grand Jury Members,

Attached is my response to the Grand Jury report Collaborative Community Quest. I agree with the report's findings (F3). Creating an office of tribal affairs in the county would be highly beneficial.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "WFH", written over the printed name.

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CC: Judge Kelly Neel

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**2022 RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT**

Report Title: Collaborative Community Quest

Report Date: 06/13/2022

Response by: W. Honsal, Sheriff, County of Humboldt

**FINDINGS**

1. The Sheriff agrees with the following finding numbered: F3:
  - F3: Humboldt County does not have a specified Office of Tribal Affairs to promote County Tribal partnerships facilitating collaboration through coordination of intergovernmental services while respecting tribal sovereignty.

Date: 9/15/22

Signed: WF HQ

Number of pages attached: 1

## **RESPONSE TO GRAND JURY REPORT – RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESPONSE SUMMARY STATEMENT**

### Response

The Grand Jury is correct that the County does not have an office specified for tribal affairs. Being a Public Law 280 state, and due to the fact, we have strong and active sovereign tribal nations in the County, it would be beneficial to have a designated office of Tribal Affairs. Every County Office has their own liaison and policies to maintain a professional working relationship with the County Tribal Governments. The Sheriff's Office has deputization agreements with 3 Tribes: Yurok, Hoopa, and Blue Lake Rancheria. The District Attorney's Office has a tribal roundtable which meets monthly to discuss crime, and legal issues with tribal members and within the tribal community. A County Tribal Liaison would benefit government to government communications and ultimately be a benefit for the community.