

SAMPLE /DRAFT RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: Support of the California Tribes Position Paper regarding the New Transportation Authorization - 2010

WHEREAS: The Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, hereinafter referred to as Trinidad Rancheria is a recognized Tribal government as defined by the Indian Self-Determination Act, P.L. 93-638; and

WHEREAS: The Trinidad Rancheria has established a Tribal Council to conduct business on behalf of the Community Council; and

WHEREAS: The Indian Reservation Roads Program (IRR) purpose is to “provide safe and adequate transportation and public road access to and within Indian reservations, Indian lands, and communities for Indians and Alaska Natives, visitors, recreational users, resource users, and others while contributing to economic development, self-determination, and employment of Indians and Alaskan Natives”, according to Federal Register 25 CFR 170; and

WHEREAS: The Trinidad Rancheria must utilize State and County Roads to access trust lands, Tribally owned enterprises, and necessary services; and

WHEREAS: The Trinidad Rancheria is dedicated to the safety of its Tribal members, neighbors, employees, visitors and patrons; and

WHEREAS: the Trinidad Rancheria relies on funding from the IRR Program to maintain the safety of access roads; and

WHEREAS: The physical layout of the 108 Federally Recognized Tribes in California necessitates California Tribes to utilize State and County roads to gain access to Tribal lands and necessary services; and

WHEREAS: The Trinidad Rancheria believes the BIA’s proposed changes to the IRR Program is detrimental to the funding of California Tribes because it proposes to reduce funding for State and County roads.

THEREFORE LET IT RESOLVED: That the Trinidad Rancheria offers its full support to the California Tribes Position Paper regarding the New Transportation Authorization- 2010

