

Redwood Coast Regional Center

Respecting Choice in the Redwood Community

July 18, 2018

J. Clark McAbee Historic Courthouse Museum 255 N Forbes Street Lakeport CA 95453

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express the enthusiastic support of the Redwood Coast Regional Center for an application for grant funding to erect a sculpture in recognition of the heritage of the Lake Pomo Tribe in Lake County. The proposed project will be a major attraction for Lake County and bring more visitors to Lake County and its museums. It will be a powerful symbol of the rich cultural heritage of the Lake Pomo people for generations to come.

The Redwood Coast Regional Center provides services in Lake County to approximately one thousand individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The Redwood Coast Regional Center is committed to collaboration with tribal communities to conduct outreach and education focused on health and wellness in these communities. As we partner with tribal communities, we learn more about the painful history of these communities and the need for healing and reconciliation.

Redwood Coast Regional Center is proud to be of service to all communities within the County. We support and promote initiatives and projects that we think benefit County residents. The proposed sculpture, and its central location will be both a celebration of Pomo culture and an important step towards a future in which the contributions of Pomo culture are recognized and celebrated.

I am hopeful that the proposed project will receive the requested funding. If I may provide any additional information to support this application, I may be reached at 707-462-3832, ex.t 260, or at rblumberg@redwoodcoastrc.org.

Sincerely,

Rick Blumberg, PhD

Executive Director