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SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Redding Rancheria Traditional Health Program is to preserve, protect and revitalize the traditional and cultural healing practices of the Yana, Pit River and Wintu people.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND AND INTENT

The Tribal Council of the Redding Rancheria is committed to protect, preserve and promote the cultural heritage and traditional practices of the Yana, Pit River and Wintu people. The traditional healing and ceremonial practices of the people were preserved and conducted even during the time when the Federal Government failed to recognize the Redding Rancheria Tribe and discontinued its treaty obligations. With the restoration of federal recognition, The Redding Rancheria has an opportunity to further develop and promote the traditional healing practices among the Yana, Pit River and Wintu people and to share them with the larger community of the north state region.

The Tribal Council has authorized the Redding Rancheria Cultural Resources Program to oversee the administration of the funds provided annually by Indian Health Services (IHS) for the purpose of promoting and supporting traditional health practices. The Cultural Resources Program oversees traditional health services, providing support and assistance to individuals and families interested in traditional healing, medicine and practices.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS (Reserved)

SECTION 4: DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is hereby delegated all administrative authority to carry out the day-to-day operations of the program, in accordance with this policy. Such authority shall include but not be limited to:

- (a) Recommending to the Tribal Council such policy decisions necessary to assure the efficient and effective administration of the program in accordance with its stated purpose.
- (b) Recommending to the Tribal Council such actions related to program services as are appropriate, for which authority has not been delegated within this policy.
- (c) Making provisions for disbursement of program funds in accordance with this policy.

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- (d) Coordinating with, obtaining assistance of, and providing administrative direction to third parties engaged by the Redding Rancheria to assist in the administration of the program, including, but not limited to legal counsel, accountants, advisors and consultants.
- (e) Implementing such operating procedures as are required to assure effective day-to-day activities and services in the administration of the program, and publishing information for use by eligible members on how to apply for and use the program.
- (f) Adopting and amending appropriate forms for application and other documents required for the proper administration of the program.
- (g) Acting as program administrator and to delegate to other officers and employees, in writing, the authority to act and sign on behalf of the CEO for this purpose in order to carry out the program.
- (h) Establishing appropriate training and/or technical assistance programs to assure that eligible members can maximize the benefits of the program.
- (i) Providing for reports to the Tribal Council as to the status of the program, eligible participants and other information required by the Tribal Council.
- (j) Recommending appropriations for the program in accordance with plans adopted by the Tribal Council and/or the membership.
- (k) Initiating collection and legal proceedings as necessary to protect the Tribe's interests with regard to program funds for which the recipient is in material breach of the program.

SECTION 5: AUTHORIZED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The Tribal Council of the Redding Rancheria has authorized the establishment of the Cultural Resources Program for the protection, preservation and development of the Pit River, Wintu, Yana peoples' culture, history and spiritual traditions. Traditional healing practices are an important part of these traditions. Included in these efforts are events and activities that showcase, teach and promote tribal spiritual healing traditions and practices. Major activities include:

- (a) Planning and hosting events and workshops with traditional healers to provide education about traditional healing practices and their role in the overall context of health practices.

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- (b) Planning and hosting cultural events and activities for tribal and community members that feature traditional health and spiritual practices.
- (c) Planning and overseeing the annual Ancestral Run, which is an important tradition of the Yana, Pit River and Wintu people. Held in August, it consists of a one hundred mile relay journey by tribal youth and adults. Runners trace an ancestral path from Mount Lassen to Mount Shasta. Traditional ceremonies, spiritual practices and celebrations are central features of this event.
- (d) Providing individual access on a limited basis to traditional healers and healing practices.

Legislative History:

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