The Klamath Tribes

Tribal Council Resolution #2026 - 042

APPROVING THE KLAMATH TRIBES TRIBAL COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN (TCRP) FOR MISSING OR MURDERED KLAMATH TRIBAL PEOPLE AND RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE (MMIP) COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, The Klamath and Modoc Tribes and the Yahooskin Band of Snake Indians signed the Treaty of 1864 establishing the Klamath Reservation; and

WHEREAS, The General Council of the Klamath membership is the governing body of the Tribes, by the authority of the Constitution of the Klamath Tribes (Article VI & VII section IV E) as approved by the General Council and most recently amended on September 26, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The Klamath Indian Tribes Restoration Act of August 27, 1986 (P.L. 99-398) restored the Federal government-to-government recognition to the Sovereign Government of the Klamath Tribes; and

WHEREAS, The Klamath Tribes' Tribal Council is the elected governmental body of the Klamath Tribes and has been delegated the authority to direct the day-to-day business and governmental affairs of the Klamath Tribes under the general guidance of the General Council (Constitution, Article VII, section I; Tribal Council by-laws, Article I); and

WHEREAS, On February 26, 2025, the Tribal Council adopted Resolution TCR 2025-010, establishing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Committee to address the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous People disproportionately affecting the Klamath Tribal community, and directing the Committee to pursue interagency collaboration, data collection, reporting, and community engagement objectives; and

WHEREAS, Since its establishment, the MMIP Committee has diligently carried out its charge under TCR 2025-010, including fostering collaboration among Tribal programs and Tribal Enterprises, working with the Klamath Tribes Public Safety Department and local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, engaging community members and advocacy organizations, and developing systems for data collection and reporting related to MMIP cases; and

WHEREAS, The MMIP Committee, working with the Victim Services Coordinator, MMIP Coordinator, Klamath Tribes Behavioral Health, law enforcement liaisons, and other partners, has developed the Klamath Tribes Tribal Community Response Plan (TCRP) for Missing or Murdered Klamath Tribal People, titled "Hoskangi gew seesas" ("Remember My Name"), which establishes a coordinated, trauma-informed framework for responding to missing persons cases involving Klamath Tribal members; and

WHEREAS, The TCRP is organized into four essential guidelines: (1) Law Enforcement Agency Guidelines for Missing Persons Cases; (2) Victim Services Guidelines for Missing Persons Cases; (3) Media and Public Communications Guidelines for Missing Persons Cases; and (4) Community Outreach Guidelines for Missing Persons Cases, each providing clear protocols, roles, and responsibilities to ensure a swift, coordinated, and victim-centered response; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council recognizes that the TCRP is intended to serve as a living document that will be updated over time to align with the evolving needs of the Klamath Tribes community and changes in applicable law, policy, and best practices; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council finds that approval and implementation of the TCRP will advance the Klamath Tribes' commitment to protecting the safety and welfare of its citizens, honoring the lives of those who are missing or have been murdered, and supporting families and survivors through trauma-informed, culturally appropriate care; and

WHEREAS, The Tribal Council recognizes the need for continued designated staff collaboration from each Tribal Entity, including but not limited to the Klamath Tribes MMIP Coordinator or designee, Klamath Tribes Administration, Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services, Kla-Mo-Ya Casino, the Crater Lake Junction Travel Center, Sleep Inn Hotel, and all Tribal enterprises, to support implementation of the TCRP.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Klamath Tribes Tribal Council hereby approves and adopts the Klamath Tribes Tribal Community Response Plan (TCRP) for Missing or Murdered Klamath Tribal People ("Hoskangi gew seesas" – "Remember My Name") as an official Tribal policy document governing the Klamath Tribes' coordinated response to missing persons cases and MMIP-related matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council authorizes and directs the MMIP Committee, working in coordination with the MMIP Coordinator and Victim Services Coordinator, to implement the TCRP and to carry out the roles, responsibilities, and protocols set forth therein, with the full cooperation of all Klamath Tribal programs, departments, and Tribal Enterprises; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council directs designated staff from each Tribal Entity to collaborate with the MMIP Committee in support of TCRP implementation, including participation in training, data collection, community outreach, and response coordination activities consistent with the TCRP guidelines; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Klamath Tribes Public Safety Department is directed to serve as the primary contact for missing Tribal members in the Klamath Tribal community and to implement the Law Enforcement Agency Guidelines set forth in the TCRP, including ensuring no formal waiting period is required before accepting a missing person report and promptly entering information into applicable local, state, and NCIC law enforcement databases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MMIP Committee shall continue to provide regular updates to the Tribal Council and to the General Council as requested, on the progress, impact, and implementation of the TCRP and other MMIP Committee endeavors, and shall continue to pursue permanent steering committee status as directed by Tribal Council; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Klamath Tribes Tribal Council affirms its unwavering commitment to the safety, justice, and healing of all Klamath Tribal members and their families affected by the MMIP crisis, and will allocate the necessary resources to support the full implementation of this resolution and the Tribal Community Response Plan.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, Tribal Council Chairman and Secretary of the Klamath Tribes do hereby certify that at a "Regular" Tribal Council meeting held on the __24__ day of _JUNE____, 2026 where a quorum was present, the Tribal Council duly adopted this Resolution by a vote of __7__ for, __0__ opposed, and ___1___ abstention/s.

William E. Ray Jr., Chairman
The Klamath Tribes

Joseph Allen Jr., Secretary
The Klamath Tribes