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Eureka, CA. May 10, 2019—The Northern California Indian Development Council announced today an end of an era and the beginning of a new age for the Intertribal Gathering and Elders Dinner. The NCIDC is planning to work to transform the event into support for smaller regional events. The traditional Intertribal event that has been held in November in the past will not be held this year. Instead, the event that honored Native American Veterans and Elders will be given new life that focuses on self-determination for local tribes and tribal organizations. “It is not ending, it is evolving” stated Ruby Rollings, NCIDC Chairperson. The event has seen declining community financial support and increased operational costs over the last several years and is not sustainable under the old model of operation.

Instead of one Intertribal Gathering and Elders dinner, the Agency is developing an annual grant opportunity to fund local tribal events in Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity and Siskiyou counties. It is anticipated that eligible applicants will be a Tribe, or Native American non-profit organization hosting an appropriate Native American community event with cultural and informational outreach components, located in Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity or Siskiyou counties. Details will be announced in a future Request for Proposals which will go out later this year.

The Northern California Indian Development Council is an inter-tribal non-profit organization whose members include Blue Lake Rancheria, Elk Valley Rancheria, Indian Action Council, Karuk Tribe, Nor-El-Muk, Quartz Valley Indian Reservation, Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation, Trinidad Rancheria, Tsnungwe of California, United Indian Health Services, Wintu Educational & Cultural Council, Wiyot Tribe, and the Yurok Tribe. The Northern California Indian Development Council works to meet the needs of American Indian Tribes, organizations and communities by researching, developing and administering social and economic development programs. NCIDC provides support and technical assistance for the development of programs in addition to working to conserve and preserve historic and archeological sites and resources. The Northern California Indian Development Council has been serving the American Indian People of California since 1976.

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