RESOLUTION
OF THE
YUROK TRIBE

Resolution No.: 96-23
Date Approved: April 25, 1996

Subject: Opposition to the Use of Pesticides on the Yurok Reservation

Whereas: the Yurok Tribe is a federally recognized tribe, and the Yurok Tribal Council is the governing body of the Yurok Tribe under the authority of the Constitution of the Yurok Tribe, and

Whereas: this Council is mandated by that Constitution to preserve and protect the Yurok culture and the sovereignty of the Yurok Tribe, and

Whereas: the Hoopa-Yurok Settlement Act (P.L. 100-580) established the Yurok Reservation as a single federal Indian reserve in 1988, and said Yurok Reservation contains approximately 60,000 acres of land of which the Yurok Tribe owns less than 7000 acres, and

Whereas: the Yurok Tribe is the largest federally recognized tribe in the state of California with a population of 3,451 members with strong cultural ties to their Reservation and ancestral territory, and

Whereas: the health and safety of our tribal members and their families and the quality of our air and water resources is an overriding cultural imperative for the Council and the Tribe, and

Whereas: many tribal members use the many animal, plant and aquatic resources on the Yurok Reservation for ceremonial, traditional and subsistence purposes, and
Whereas: the use of chemical pesticides, including restricted and unrestricted herbicides, on lands contained within the Yurok Reservation poses a threat to the health and safety of humans and has detrimental impact upon the quality of the Reservation's air and water resources, now

Therefore Be It Resolved: That the Yurok Tribal Council hereby proclaims a ban on the use of any restricted or controlled chemical pesticides on any and all lands under the jurisdiction of the Yurok Tribe.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that Resolution 96-23 was approved at a regular meeting of the Yurok Tribal Council on April 25, 1996 at which a quorum was present and that this Resolution was adopted by a vote of 8 FOR and 0 AGAINST with NO abstentions. This Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Dated this 25th day of April, 1996

Susie L. Long, Chairperson
Yurok Tribal Council

ATTEST:
Cynthia Carlson
Recording Secretary