



## SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

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## YUROK TRIBAL COURT

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### **Joint Family Wellness Court**

#### **Court's Vision**

One strong, healthy community where children are safe and families thrive because parents are provided a path to recover, heal, and grow.

#### **Court's Mission**

To operate a joint jurisdictional court that empowers families to make healthy decisions and breaks the cycle of addiction and child abuse & neglect through:

- A coordinated team approach;
- Comprehensive, culturally competent services;
- Frequent monitoring; and
- Building a support system for family recovery and child well-being.

#### **Court's Inherent Powers**

The Court uses its inherent powers derived from authority delegated by the Yurok Tribal Council and Article IV of the California Constitution to provide an independent, culturally sensitive judicial forum, with fair processes for all people who appear before the Court.

### **Joint Powers Agreement**

Be it known that we, the undersigned, agree to, where possible, jointly exercise the powers and authorities conferred upon us as judges of our respective jurisdictions in furtherance of the following common goals: (1) protecting the dignity of participants;

(2) providing participants meaningful access to culturally appropriate substance abuse treatment; (3) providing due process in a fair and equitable manner while restoring balance to families and to the community; (4) engaging tribal and non-tribal communities to break the cycle of addiction and child abuse & neglect; and (5) maximizing Court-connected services by sharing available tribal and county resources.

Dated: 2-19-19



Judge Darren McElfresh  
Presiding Judge  
Del Norte Superior Court



Judge Abby Abinanti  
Chief Judge  
Yurok Tribal Court