

**THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE <sup>Office of</sup> THE**

**TRIBAL-STATE COMPACT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**AND THE**

**CHER-AE HEIGHTS INDIAN**

**COMMUNITY OF THE TRINIDAD**

**RANCHERIA, CALIFORNIA**

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THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
AND THE CHER-AE HEIGHTS INDIAN COMMUNITY OF THE  
TRINIDAD RANCHERIA, CALIFORNIA TO  
EXTEND THE COMPACT TERM**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California (State) and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, California (Tribe) entered into a class III gaming compact on September 10, 1999 (1999 Compact); and

**WHEREAS**, the State and the Tribe, on October 8, 1999, modified the terms of the 1999 Compact by Addendum "A" to Tribal-State Gaming Compact Between the Trinidad Rancheria and the State of California (Addendum A); and

**WHEREAS**, the 1999 Compact took effect on May 16, 2000, upon publication of notice in the Federal Register that the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior (Secretary) had approved the 1999 Compact as modified by Addendum A (65 Fed. Reg. 31189 (May 16, 2000)); and

**WHEREAS**, the 1999 Compact authorizes the Tribe to operate specified Gaming Activities, as provided therein, pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1166-1168, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq. (IGRA); and

**WHEREAS**, section 11.2.1, subdivision (a) of the 1999 Compact as modified by Addendum A, Modification No. 4, reads as follows:

Once effective this Compact shall be in full force and effect for state law purposes until December 31, 2020. No sooner than eighteen (18) months prior to the aforementioned termination date, either party may request the other party to enter into negotiations to extend this Compact or to enter into a new compact. If the parties have not agreed to extend the date of this Compact or entered into a new compact by the termination date, this Compact will automatically be extended to June 30, 2022, unless the parties have agreed to an earlier termination date.

and

**WHEREAS**, under the terms of Addendum A, section 11.2.1, subdivision (a), the termination date of the 1999 Compact was extended to June 30, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2022, the Tribe and the State executed the Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, California (First Extension) extending the termination date of the 1999 Compact to December 31, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe and the State subsequently executed the Second Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, California (Second Extension) further extending its term to December 31, 2024, and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe and the State have agreed to execute this Third Amendment to the Tribal-State Compact Between the State of California and the Cher-Ae Heights Indian Community of the Trinidad Rancheria, California further extending its expiration date to December 31, 2025 in order to allow sufficient time for the parties to continue their efforts to reach agreement on the terms and conditions under which the Tribe may continue operating class III gaming on its Indian lands; and

**WHEREAS**, an extension to the 1999 Compact under IGRA does not require approval by the Secretary so long as the extension does not include any amendment to the terms of the 1999 Compact (25 C.F.R. § 293.5); and

**WHEREAS**, this Third Amendment will not change, and is not intended by the Tribe and the State to change, any terms of the 1999 Compact except for extending the termination date provided in section 11.2.1, subdivision (a), as amended by the First and Second Extensions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tribe and the State recognize that this Third Amendment is authorized and negotiated and shall take effect pursuant to IGRA upon the date on which a statute, approved by the California Legislature and signed into law by the Governor ratifying this amendment, is chaptered by the California Secretary of State; and

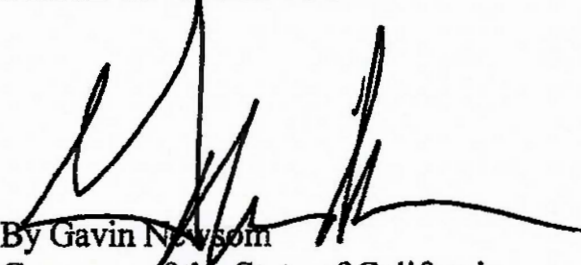
**WHEREAS**, nothing in this Third Amendment, the 1999 Compact, or the First and Second Extensions shall preclude the State and the Tribe from entering into another amendment to further extend the date in section 11.2.1, subdivision (a) of the 1999 Compact.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the State and the Tribe, for good and valuable consideration, including their mutual intent to maintain the 1999 Compact pending a new class III gaming compact, hereby agree that the first sentence of section 11.2.1, subdivision (a) of the 1999 Compact, as amended by the First and Second Extensions, is repealed and replaced by the following:

**Sec. 11.2.1. Effective.** (a) Once effective this Compact shall be in full force and effect for state law purposes until December 31, 2025.


**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned sign this amendment solely to extend the term of the 1999 Compact on behalf of the State of California and the Tribe.

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



By Gavin Newsom  
Governor of the State of California

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COMMUNITY OF THE TRINIDAD  
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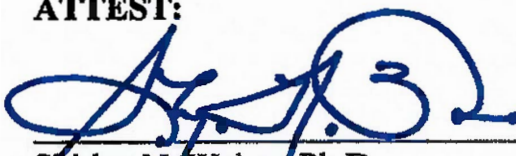


By Garth Sundberg, Sr.  
Tribal Chairperson of the Cher-Ae  
Heights Indian Community of the  
Trinidad Rancheria, California

Executed this 13 day of August,  
2024, at Sacramento, California

Executed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August,e  
2024, at Trinidad, California

**ATTEST:**



Shirley N. Weber, Ph.D.  
Secretary of State, State of California

