NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MENDOCINO

TRIBAL NATIONS

RESOLUTION NO. NFM-2026-TN-006

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED CCSAR PROTECTION ACT OF 2026 AND RECOGNIZING THE FINAL AUTHORITY OF THE QUALIFIED LEGAL GUARDIAN OVER THE SAFETY, LOCATION, PLACEMENT, AND WELLBEING OF A CHILD

Related Legislation: *CCSAR Protection Act of 2026*
Act Number: *NFM-2026-CCSAR-003*
Resolution Date: *November 19, 2026*
Issuing Authority: *National Federation of Mendocino — Tribal Nations*

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the National Federation of Mendocino, through its Tribal Nations governing framework, recognizes the importance of protecting children and preserving the safety, dignity, and wellbeing of every child under its protective authority;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Nations have reviewed the revised CCSAR Protection Act of 2026, Act No. NFM-2026-CCSAR-003, establishing procedures for Suspected Child Sexual Abuse Reports (SCSARs) and Confirmed Child Sexual Abuse Reports (CCSARs);

WHEREAS, the revised Act establishes the Correct NFM Party as the authorized NFM office, officer, investigator, child-protection unit, or designated task force responsible for conducting and documenting the particular CCSAR;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Nations recognize that a qualified Legal Guardian who is not the person whose conduct is the subject of the CCSAR must receive timely information and exercise the guardianship authority assigned under the FINAL RULE;

WHEREAS, the child's location, placement, safety arrangements, medical care, education, communication, and safe return are fundamental matters concerning the child's wellbeing;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Nations further recognize that an agency or interim-protection authority that is itself the subject of a report concerning sexual abuse or other abuse must not control the investigation, determination, or outcome of that particular matter;

WHEREAS, the Tribal Nations intend that conflicts of interest be referred to qualified and non-conflicted authorities, and that the qualified Guardian's authority be respected in accordance with the revised Act and applicable law;

WHEREAS, the revised Act establishes Guardian Notice, safe-location procedures, medical and forensic protections, confidentiality requirements, and procedures for safe return and reunification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRIBAL NATIONS OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MENDOCINO AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1 — APPROVAL OF REVISED LEGISLATION

*The Tribal Nations hereby approve the revised **CCSAR Protection Act of 2026, Act No. NFM-2026-CCSAR-003**, as the governing NFM protocol for the receipt, verification, conversion, administration, and protective response to SCSAR and CCSAR matters within the authority of the National Federation of Mendocino.*

The revised Act is incorporated into this Resolution by reference.

SECTION 2 — FINAL AUTHORITY OF THE LEGAL GUARDIAN

The Tribal Nations recognize and approve the FINAL RULE established under § 1.06 of the revised Act.

Where the Legal Guardian is not the person whose conduct is the subject of the CCSAR, and the CCSAR is conducted by the Correct NFM Party, the qualified Legal Guardian shall have final authority under the Act over the child's wellbeing.

This authority includes, subject to applicable law and valid orders of a court with jurisdiction:

(a) determining and directing appropriate arrangements concerning the child's location;

(b) determining the child's safe placement and caregiving arrangements;

(c) directing appropriate protective measures;

(d) making decisions concerning the child's medical care and examinations;

(e) determining appropriate educational arrangements;

(f) establishing appropriate communication and contact arrangements; and

(g) directing the child's safe return and reunification with the Guardian.

No NFM administrative office, agency, foundation, or participating authority shall administratively override the qualified Guardian's determination merely because of disagreement.

SECTION 3 — GUARDIAN NOTICE

The Tribal Nations approve the Guardian Notice requirements established under § 2.12 and Article 3 of the revised Act.

The Correct NFM Party shall provide formal notice to the qualified Legal Guardian when an SCSAR is received, when verification is completed, when a CCSAR is confirmed, and when a material protective action affects the child.

Guardian Notice shall identify the report, the responsible NFM Party, the child's circumstances, the Guardian's status, and the applicable authority of the Guardian under the FINAL RULE.

The issuance and delivery of Guardian Notice shall be recorded in the CCSAR Case File.

SECTION 4 — CORRECT NFM PARTY

The Tribal Nations approve the Correct NFM Party requirements established under § 2.13.

Each CCSAR shall be conducted by an authorized NFM Party whose designation and authority are recorded in the CCSAR Case File.

A party with a disqualifying conflict shall not conduct or control the determination of the particular matter.

SECTION 5 — DISQUALIFICATION OF AGENCY OR INTERIM-PROTECTION AUTHORITY

The Tribal Nations approve the conflict-of-interest protections established under § 2.14 and § 5.05.

Where an agency or interim-protection authority is itself the subject of a report concerning sexual abuse or other abuse:

(a) that authority shall have no decision-making control over the particular matter under the Act;

(b) that authority shall not control the investigation of its own reported conduct;

(c) that authority shall not determine the child's placement or override the qualified Guardian;

(d) that authority shall not obstruct Guardian Notice or the lawful preservation of relevant records; and

(e) the matter shall be handled through qualified and non-conflicted NFM or Tribal Nations authorities.

Tribal Nations retains control of the protective matter through its qualified and non-conflicted authorities.

SECTION 6 — CHILD LOCATION AND SAFETY

The Tribal Nations recognize the child's location and immediate safety as essential components of the protective process.

The Correct NFM Party shall document the child's location, current placement, immediate safety concerns, responsible caregiver, and steps required to protect the child.

Where the child's location is unknown or the child may be in danger, appropriate lawful location procedures and applications shall be initiated without unnecessary delay.

The qualified Guardian shall receive the information and exercise the authority assigned under the FINAL RULE, subject to applicable law and valid court orders.

SECTION 7 — SAFE RETURN AND REUNIFICATION

The Tribal Nations approve the safe-return procedures established under Article 6 of the revised Act.

Where the child has been located, the qualified Guardian is available, and no immediate safety concern or valid court order prevents return, the Correct NFM Party shall make every reasonable effort to complete safe return within twenty-four (24) hours after the child's location and the Guardian's availability have been confirmed.

Any delay shall be documented, explained to the Guardian, and reviewed while efforts toward safe return continue.

SECTION 8 — IMPLEMENTATION

The Office of the Head Chief and the appropriate NFM offices are directed to implement the revised Act within their respective lawful authority.

Implementation shall include:

(a) updating the official CCSAR protocol and related administrative procedures;

(b) maintaining the Guardianship Index and appropriate guardianship records;

(c) establishing the Guardian Notice delivery and documentation procedure;

(d) identifying authorized Correct NFM Parties;

(e) establishing conflict-of-interest referral procedures;

(f) maintaining secure CCSAR Case Files;

(g) implementing child-location and safe-return documentation; and

(h) providing appropriate training to personnel assigned to CCSAR matters.

SECTION 9 — PUBLICATION AND NOTICE

The Office of the Head Chief is authorized to publish this Resolution and the revised CCSAR Protection Act of 2026 on the official website of the National Federation of Mendocino:

https://nationalfederationofmendocino.org

The Resolution shall be made available for public notice and administrative reference.

SECTION 10 — EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval and adoption by the Tribal Nations through their authorized governing process.

The effective date and approving authorities shall be entered into the official Tribal Nations Resolution Register.

SECTION 11 — CONSTRUCTION

This Resolution shall be interpreted consistently with the revised CCSAR Protection Act of 2026, Act No. NFM-2026-CCSAR-003, and applicable tribal, federal, and state law.

Nothing in this Resolution independently creates jurisdiction over persons or matters beyond the lawful authority of the adopting Tribal Nations.

CERTIFICATION AND ADOPTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the undersigned authorized representatives certify that this Resolution was presented for consideration and approved through the applicable Tribal Nations governing process.

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TRIBAL NATIONS APPROVAL

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