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Chief James Kerr
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Subject: Support for the Addition of a K-9 Unit at the Petersburg Police Department

Dear Chief Kerr,

On behalf of the Petersburg Indian Association (PIA), I am pleased to express our support for the addition of a K-9 unit to the Petersburg Police Department. As a federally recognized tribal government dedicated to the well-being of our tribal citizens and the broader Petersburg community, we recognize the significant benefits a K-9 unit would bring to public safety and law enforcement efforts in our area.

A K-9 unit would serve as a valuable asset in enhancing public safety, assisting with search and rescue operations, detecting illegal substances, and strengthening crime prevention measures. Given the unique challenges faced by law enforcement in our rural and island community, the presence of a highly trained K-9 officer would improve efficiency, provide crucial support in emergency situations, and help foster stronger community relationships.

PIA is committed to working collaboratively with the Petersburg Police Department to ensure that our community remains a safe and welcoming place for all residents. We believe that the addition of a K-9 unit aligns with our shared goals of protecting and serving the people of Petersburg, and we encourage efforts to secure the necessary resources for this initiative. To further support this effort, PIA will donate \$14,000 annually for the maintenance of the K-9 unit.

We appreciate the dedication and service of the Petersburg Police Department and fully support this initiative. Please do not hesitate to reach out if PIA can provide further advocacy in this effort.

Sincerely,

Carol Martinez
Tribal Council President