A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, INC. ("FOUNDATION"), IN SUPPORT OF NATIONWIDE ACLU INDIGENOUS JUSTICE INITIATIVES

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06-24A

Whereas, indigenous people have lived on and stewarded the lands now known as California and the United States since time immemorial, and continue to do so now;

Whereas, the founding of California and its admission as a state coincided with government-sponsored genocide, which Native communities and tribes survived through their resilience;

Whereas, indigenous people today bear the brunt of many civil liberties and civil rights issues, and are also impacted by issues specific to the exercise of tribal sovereignty and with respect to U.S. history, the Constitution and federal and state laws related to indigenous peoples;

Whereas, the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California ("ACLU-NorCal") has worked continuously since at least 2008 in partnership with California tribes on education equity issues;

Whereas, ACLU-NorCal has been engaged in conversations with other American Civil Liberties Union ("ACLU") affiliates and national ACLU on furthering the ACLU’s work of indigenous justice, playing a lead role in the development of the Indigenous Justice Working Group;

Whereas, ACLU-NorCal formed a specific partnership with Northern California Indian Development Council ("NCIDC") on education equity, and staff intend to continue to provide legal and policy support as needed, and capacity-building support for NCIDC to sustain its educational advocacy program;

Whereas, ACLU-NorCal has articulated indigenous justice goals in its 2021-2022 Annual Plan, has dedicated staff to focus on indigenous justice advocacy, and has continued to work with tribes and indigenous community leaders to deepen our advocacy in the ACLU-NorCal region,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Foundation Board of Directors that ACLU-NorCal will:

1. maintain an articulated priority of indigenous justice as part of the Strategic Framework for 2021-2024;
2. serve as an anchor affiliate in the nationwide ACLU Indigenous Justice Working Group, including with engagement of ACLU-NorCal program and executive staff and authorization to the Executive Director to provide seed funding to the collaboration as part of the ACLU-NorCal’s annual budget for at least three years beginning in FY22, and
3. work in relationship and partnership with tribal communities and movements, learning and engaging with cultural humility in those relationships.
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 24th day of June 2021 by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, the undersigned, certify that I am presently the duly elected and acting Secretary of American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Northern California, Inc. a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, and that the above Resolution, consisting of one (1) page, is the Resolution in support of Nationwide ACLU Indigenous Justice Initiatives adopted by a unanimous vote of the Board at a duly called and noticed meeting at which a quorum was at all times present, on June 24, 2021, and that this Resolution became effective upon adoption by the Board.

Dated: June 24, 2021

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Elise Traynum, Secretary