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Elevate Youth California Grant Review Committee 1321 Garden Highway, Suite 210 Sacramento, CA. 95833

Dear Members of the Grant Review Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the County of Lake to express our strong support for Kno'Qoti Native Wellness, Inc. (KNWI) as they apply for the Elevate Youth California: Youth Substance Use Disorder Prevention Program - Cohort 6, Standard Track funding opportunity.

KNWI is a grassroots organization comprised of local tribal professionals who are deeply connected to the communities they serve. Their team brings invaluable cultural knowledge and lived experience to their work, ensuring that their programs are both culturally responsive and community-driven. KNWI's focus on youth civic engagement, mentoring, and peer-to-peer support is particularly important in addressing the disproportionate impact of the war on drugs in our tribal communities.

We believe that KNWI's deep roots in the community, combined with their professional expertise, position them uniquely to make a significant and positive impact. Their proposed project will empower youth, promote harm reduction, and strengthen both family and community ties in a culturally relevant manner.

We fully support Kno'Qoti Native Wellness, Inc.'s efforts and are confident in their ability to successfully implement this program and achieve meaningful outcomes.

Thank you for considering their application. We look forward to seeing the continued positive impact of their important work.

Respectfully,

COUNTY OF LAKE

Bruno Sabatier Chair, Lake County Board of Supervisors