

**KARUK TRIBE**

LETTER OF INTENT FOR CANDIDACY

Name of Candidate: Jennifer C. Goodwin  
Tribal Roll#: 2817  
Candidate for: Happy Camp Member at Large



**CANDIDATE STATEMENT**

Ayukii, Karuk Tribal members, thank you for your vote in 2022. The role you trusted me with these last two years has been such an honor. I approached my position seriously by immersing myself in many opportunities that allow me to advocate for our community. At the top of my priority list these last two years has been:

- NCIDC
- LIAP, Low Income Assistance Program
- ICWA
- Karuk Language Advisory
- Education
- People's Center Advisory
- TANF
- Alternative on CRIHB Board (California Rural Indian Health Board)

My love for our culture, the Klamath river and our community drives my motivation to continue to serve our people. I am granddaughter to Norman and Jimmy Goodwin and daughter to Bob and Barbara Goodwin. My younger years showed me the struggles faced by Native youth. I continue to learn from the struggles and successes shared by the Native adults and Elders in our community.

My professional career with the Karuk Tribal offices started while still in high school and accelerated after graduation. I have experience working in the following departments: Head Start, Naa Vura Yee Shiip, Education and TANF (Family Service Assistant). As a previous employee to many of the committee's that I now participate in, my role will focus on expressing the needs of our community members and advocating for the change you desire.

My passions lie in relationships that elevate our youth, protect our elders, preserve and revitalize our cultural practices, language, weaving, traditional burning, and ceremony. Spending time with my family, swimming in our water, basket weaving and making dance regalia are activities that keep me busy.

As your returning elected official, I will continue to listen, promote healthy practices, and bring your voice to elected officials on a county, state and national level.

"If you don't know where you've come from, you don't know where you are going" (Maya Angelou). I know where I come from and will be going in the direction that best serves Karuk people, Karuk Descendants, and Karuk Lands. Yootva!

Signature: Jennifer Goodwin

Date: 6/25/24