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## ME-CHOOP-DA TRIBE ASSOCIATION

## Articles of Association of Nonprofit Association

On this day, the undersigned parties do hereby associate themselves as a nonprofit association for the purpose of holding and managing the following described property conveyed to the association by the United States pursuant to the Act of August 18, 1958 (72 Stat. 619).

Lot No. 19, Lot No. 23, and Lot No. 36 (Cemetery) as

shown on the Me-Choop-Da Indian Rancheria Subdivision

Map recorded in the Official Records of Butte County,

California, in Book 25, pages 40 and 41, on April 25, 1961.

and any other property acquired by the association in the future.

In order to facilitate the accomplishment of the purposes of this association, we agree as follows.

1. The name of this association shall be Me-choop-da Tribe Association, with its principal place of business at Chico, California.
2. Such other persons as shall become stockholders under the provisions and restrictions of these articles of association shall, while they remain owners of stock, be associated and bound by these articles of association.
3. The members of the association, their successors and assigns, shall in proportion to their interest herein pay the obligations of the association. Neglect or refusal to do so may subject a member to association action to collect the delinquency or expulsion from the association after due notice and hearing.
4. This association shall not be dissolved or any of its powers be revoked by transfer of the interest of any member thereof, whether by act of the

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party, by operation of law, or by the resignation or death of any member.

- 5. Each distributee of the Chico Rancheria is entitled to membership in this association and to a proportionate share in the association assets. In addition, the original owners of lots 16 and 17 are entitled to membership in this association and to a proportionate share in the association assets. The interest of the members shall be represented by forty-six (46) certificates of stock which shall be in the following form.

No.	One Share
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**ME-CHOOP-DA TRIBE ASSOCIATION  
(Nonprofit Association)**

This certifies that \_\_\_\_\_ is entitled to one share of stock in the Me-choop-da Tribe Association transferable only on the books of the association and on surrender of this certificate. The holder of each share is subject to the payment of such assessments as may be necessary, and to all the obligations and liabilities, and entitled to all the privileges of the association. No transfer of shares will be allowed if any assessment shall have been called for and at the time be unpaid.

In witness whereof the association has caused this certificate to be issued by its President and Secretary-Treasurer this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_.

ME-CHOOP-DA TRIBE ASSOCIATION

By \_\_\_\_\_  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary-Treasurer

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6. The shareholders shall be liable for their proportionate assessments although they may decline to share in association benefits. A member may withdraw by turning in to the association his stock certificate and paying all assessments due.
7. Fractional shares will not be issued. If a shareholder's individually owned tract is partitioned or is transferred to more than one individual, it shall be their responsibility to designate among themselves which one will be entitled to represent them in the association.
8. An annual meeting of the shareholders shall be held at the association's principal place of business on the last Sunday of June each year. Special meetings may be called by the President upon due notice to the shareholders. Business may be transacted only if a majority in interest of the shareholders shall be represented. At the annual meeting a President and a Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year shall be elected to serve one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.
9. The only manner in which money can be raised shall be by levy of assessments upon the shareholders. Once collected, such funds shall become association property. The consent of all the shareholders shall be required to create any other personal liability against them. All contracts entered into shall be limited to creating a liability against only the property of the association.
10. The officers shall perform the duties usually appertaining to their respective offices, including the authority to levy assessment for the payment of association obligations. Title to association property is to be taken in the name of trustees, and the President and the Secretary-

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Treasurer shall be designated to act in that capacity on behalf of the association. The trustees may not manage or dispose of such property, except in accordance with the terms of these articles or as directed by the members. No person shall hold office unless he be a shareholder. The Secretary-Treasurer of the association shall have these articles of association and the deed from the United States conveying property to the association pursuant to the Act of August 18, 1958, supra, recorded in Butte County, State of California. He shall be adequately bonded and upon authorization of the shareholders pay out of any money in his hands the taxes and insurance premiums of the property of the association and the charges for necessary repairs and expenses thereto. He shall keep an account and record of the affairs of the association and render reports at the annual meetings.

11. Association property may be sold or otherwise conveyed by the trustees with the consent of seventy-five percent (75%) of the share of stock expressed either in writing or by vote at a duly called meeting. The owner of a new tract or lot may become a member of the association and be issued a share of stock representing his interest in the balance of association property with the consent of seventy-five percent (75%) of the shares of stock expressed either in writing or by vote at a duly called meeting.
12. Only the original shareholders and the new members referred to in paragraph 11 and their immediate families shall be entitled to use the cemetery, identified as Lot No. 36.

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- 14. These articles may be amended or altered with the consent of seventy-five percent (75%) of the shares of stock expressed either in writing or by vote at a duly called meeting.

In witness whereof the original associates have set their hands and seals to these presents this 7th day of January, 1962.

Witnessed by:  
  
 Maurice W. Babby, Program Officer  
 Sacramento Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Jamita Simpson †  
Genevieve Aranda †  
George Aranda †  
Elmer N. Banks †  
Jimmy Stewart †  
Dwan J. Conway †  
Thomas W. Conway †  
Kenneth John Oglet †

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
 ) ss.  
County of Sacramento )

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1963, before me, REGINA H. ELLSTON, a Notary Public in and for the County of Sacramento, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Maurice W. Babby known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument as a witness thereto, who, being duly sworn, deposed and said: that he resides in the County of Sacramento, State of California; that he was present and saw

Juanita Simpson  
Genevieve Aranda  
George Aranda  
Elmer N. Aranda

Jimmie Durant  
Ivan J. Conway  
Vernon W. Conway  
Kenneth John Azbill

personally known to him to be the persons described in, and who executed the within instrument as shareholders thereto, sign, seal, and deliver the same; that the said

Juanita Simpson  
Genevieve Aranda  
George Aranda  
Elmer N. Aranda

Jimmie Durant  
Ivan J. Conway  
Vernon W. Conway  
Kenneth John Azbill

duly acknowledged in the presence of said affiant, that they executed the same, and that he, the said affiant, thereupon, and at the request of said shareholders subscribed his name as witness thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the County of Sacramento the day and year in this certificate first above written.

*Regina H. Ellston*  
Notary Public in and for the  
County of Sacramento, State of  
California.

My commission expires:

April 30, 1965

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*Harold [unclear]* +  
*Louis G. [unclear]* +  
*Edward W. Wilson Jr.* +

Signatures witnessed by: Maurice W. Babby  
 Maurice W. Babby  
 Bureau of Indian Affairs  
 Sacramento Area Office  
 P. O. Box 749  
 Sacramento 4, California

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
 ) ss.  
County of Sacramento )

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1963, before me, REGINA H. ELLSTON, a Notary Public in and for the County of Sacramento, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Maurice W. Babby known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument as a witness thereto, who, being duly sworn, deposed and said: that he resides in the County of Sacramento, State of California; that he was present and saw

Harold S. Wilson  
Lewis S. Wilson  
Edward N. Wilson, Jr.

personally known to him to be the persons described in, and who executed the within instrument as shareholders thereto, sign, seal, and deliver the same; that the said

Harold S. Wilson  
Lewis S. Wilson  
Edward N. Wilson, Jr.

duly acknowledge in the presence of said affiant, that they executed the same, and that he, the said affiant, thereupon, and at the request of said shareholders subscribed his name as witness thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the County of Sacramento the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Regina H. Ellston  
Notary Public in and for the County of  
Sacramento, State of California

My commission expires:

April 30, 1965



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David Conway <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed by: Maurice McBarney \_\_\_\_\_

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On January 7, 1962, we, the original associates of the Me-Choop-Da Tribe Association, a Non-profit Association, hereby set our hands and seals.

Jerry Azbill †  
Shirley E. Wilson ††

Joyce Orenon †  
Eva Pierce †

Luther D. Clements †

Darwin Nockolls (DARVIN Nockolls) †

LeRoy E. Nockolls †

Kathleen Beasley †

Clyde L. Nockolls †

Luther D. Clements †

Thelma L. Wilson †

Harriet P. Ramirez †

Norma E. Ramirez †

Frances G. Fitter †

Mrs Dolores McHenry †

Homer M. Sylvia †

Alfred E. Nockolls †

Alicia P. Nockolls †

Paul Delgado †

Jodie L. Conway †

Burd Bain †

Marie Ann Lyckle †

Signatures witnessed by

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Ten Brock Williamson  
Area Program Officer  
Sacramento Area Office  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
P. O. Box 749  
Sacramento 4, California

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
 ) ss.  
County of Sacramento )

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On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1963, before me, REGINA H. ELLSTON, a Notary Public in and for the County of Sacramento, State of California, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Ten Broeck Williamson known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument as a witness thereto, who, being duly sworn, deposed and said: that he resides in the County of Sacramento, State of California; that he was present and saw

Henry Azbill  
Sherman E. Wilson  
Joyce Drenon  
Eva Pierce  
Luther L. Clements  
Darvin Nuckolls  
LeRoy C. Nuckolls  
Barbara J. Beasley  
Maynard L. Nuckolls  
Luther G. Clements  
Thelma L. Wilson

Harriett P. Ramirez  
Norma E. Ramirez  
Frances G. Potter  
Mrs. Dolores McHenry  
Homer M. Sylvers, Sr.  
Alfred E. Nuckolls  
Alfred P. Nuckolls  
Carl Delgado  
Jodie L. Conway  
Bud Bain  
Marie Van Syckle

personally known to him to be the persons described in, and who executed the within instrument as shareholders thereto, sign, seal, and deliver the same; that the said

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Darvin Nuckolls  
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Thelma L. Wilson

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Bud Bain  
Marie Van Syckle

duly acknowledged in the presence of said affiant, that they executed the same, and that he, the said affiant, thereupon, and at the request of said shareholders subscribed his name as witness thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the County of Sacramento the day and year in this certificate first above written.

My commission expires:  
April 30, 1965

*Regina H. Ellston*  
Notary Public in and for the County  
of Sacramento, State of California.

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In witness whereof the original associates have  
 set their hands and seals to these presents this  
7th day of January, 1962

*Lillian Stubblefield* \*

CHARLES H. WHITING, Notary Public,  
 4123 Shasta Dam Blvd., Central Valley, Calif.

*1st* day of April, 1963  
*Charles H. Whiting*, Notary Public

Witness to signature:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

County of Butte

On this 25th day of June  
Barbara M. Grimm

ss.

in the year one thousand nine hundred and 63, before me  
Maurice W. Babby, a Notary Public, State of California, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument as witness thereto, who, being by me duly sworn

deposed and said: that he reside in Sacramento County of Sacramento, State of California

that was present and saw Lillian Stubblefield

(personally known to him to be the person described in, and who executed the said within instrument as part thereof), sign, seal, and deliver the same; that the said Lillian Stubblefield

duly acknowledged in the presence of said affiant, that she executed the same and that he, the said affiant, thereupon, and at the request of said Lillian Stubblefield

he subscribed his name as witness thereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal in the County of Butte the day and year in this certificate first above written.

*Barbara M. Grimm*  
 Barbara M. Grimm

Notary Public, State of California

My Commission Expires July 27, 1965

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In witness whereof the original associates have  
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7th day of January, 1962.

*Ruth Payne*   
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ruth Payne

State of Washington)  
 County of King ) ss

I, the undersigned, a notary public in and for the state of Washington, hereby certify that on this 29th day of March, 1962 personally appeared before me Ruth Payne, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that she signed and sealed the same as her free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Given Under My Hand and Official Seal the day and year last above written.

*Walter T. ...*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Notary Public in and for the State  
 of Washington, residing at Seattle

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*Virgil N. Nuckolls* tx

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }  
 County of Humboldt } ss.

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January

A. D., One Thousand Nine Hundred and sixty-two before me,  
 D. V. METCALF

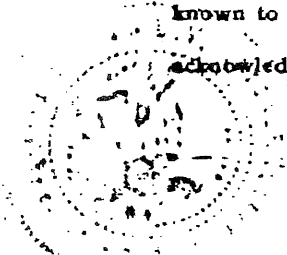
, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally  
 appeared VIRGIL N. NUCKOLLS

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and  
 acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

Witness my Hand and Official Seal

*D. V. Metcalf*  
 D. V. METCALF  
 Notary Public in and for the County of Humboldt,  
 State of California.

My Commission expires  
 March 20, 1964



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In witness whereof the original associates have set their hands and seals to these presents this 18th day of January, 1962.

*John Azbill*

Signed and sealed before <sup>me</sup> on this 18th day of January, 1962.

*Virginia Helzer*  
Notary Public

VIRGINIA HELZER  
Notary Public, Kent County, Michigan  
Notary Commission My Commission Expires May 10, 1964

NEW YORK

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
County of Kent ) ss.

I, JACK BRONKEMA, Clerk of the County of Kent and also Clerk of the Circuit Court of the said County, the same being a Court of Record, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that Virginia Helzer

whose name is subscribed to the certificate of the proof or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument and thereon written, was, at the time of taking such proof and acknowledgment, a NOTARY PUBLIC, in and for said County, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn and authorized by the laws of said State to take the acknowledgments and proofs of deeds or conveyances, for land, tenements or hereditaments in said State, to be recorded therein. And further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such NOTARY PUBLIC, and verily believe that the signature to said certificate of such proof or acknowledgment is genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court and County, the 18th day of January 1962.

JACK BRONKEMA, Clerk  
*William H. [Signature]* Deputy





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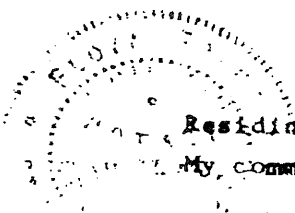
State of Washington )  
 County of Okanogan ) SS

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 14th day of November, A.D., 1962, before the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Donna Mae Rickard, to me personally known to be the identical person who executed the within instrument of Writing, and such person duly acknowledged the execution of the same, as her free and voluntary act and deed for the use and purposes therein mentioned.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed myname and affixed my seal on the day and year last hereinabove written.

Floyd Frank  
 NOTARY PUBLIC

Residing at Coulee Dam, Washington  
 My commission expires April 12, 1966.



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 set their hands and seals to these presents this  
7th day of January, 1962

*Carl N. Clement* <sup>TX</sup>

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

County of MONTEREY } ss.

On this 26 day of November

in the year one thousand nine hundred and Sixty Two

before me, Fred A. Hantz a Notary Public,  
 State of California, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared  
Earl S. Clements

known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument  
 and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal  
 in the MONTEREY County of MONTEREY the day and year in this  
 certificate first above written.

*[Signature]*  
 Notary Public, State of California.

My Commission Expires August 23, 1963

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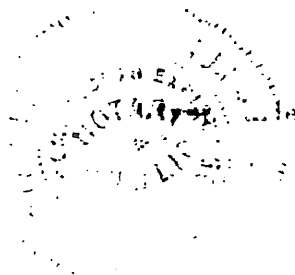
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In witness whereof the original associates have  
 set their hands and seals to these presents this  
7th day of January, 1962.

State Of Washington  
 County Of Spokane.

I Walter L. Gainor Notary Public in and for the State of Washington Spokane Wash. do hereby certify that on this 13 th day of Feb. 1962, personally appeared before me Mrs. Bernice Rogers to me known to be the indevedual described in and who executed the within instrument.

Signed Mrs Bernice Rogers



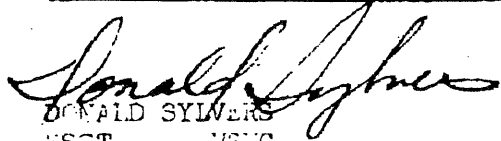
Under my hand and Official Seal this 13 day of Feb. 1962

Walter L. Gainor  
 Notary Public For State of Wash.

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 set their hands and seals to these presents this  
7th day of January, 1962.

*Ronald Sylvers*   
 RONALD SYLVERS  
 MSGT USMC

Witnessed by:

*R. G. Kessler*  
 R. G. KESSLER  
 1STLT USMCR

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In witness whereof the original associates have set their hands and seals to these presents this

Marvin D. Wilson  
MARVIN D. WILSON

7th day of January, 1962

Subscribed and sworn before me this 30th day of JANUARY 1962

Albin E. Chovanec

ALBIN E. CHOVANEC  
CAPTAIN, USAF  
STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE  
3974TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP  
APO 286, N. Y., N. Y.

Power without Seal  
Article 136, Uniform  
Code of Military Justice

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RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF  
Bureau of Indian Affairs ✓  
JUN 25 1963

at 21 min. past 10 o'clock

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OFFICIAL RECORDS OF  
BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ETHEL M. ESTES, County Recorder

By Ethel M. Estes  
COUNTY RECORDER

Fee \$ 18.00

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PO Box 749

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