ACT NO. NFM-2026-003

TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT ACT OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MENDOCINO

An Act establishing the Tribal Economic Development Department (TEDD) of the National Federation of Mendocino, defining its authority, organization, powers, and duties, and authorizing coordinated economic development, investment, and financing activities for the benefit of the Tribal Nations.

Be it enacted by the Tribal Nations of the National Federation of Mendocino:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

This Act shall be known and may be cited as the **"Tribal Economic Development Department Act of the National Federation of Mendocino"** or **"TEDD Act."**

SECTION 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE

(A) Findings. The Tribal Nations find and declare that:

1. The National Federation of Mendocino possesses inherent sovereign authority to promote the economic well-being, self-sufficiency, and general welfare of its members and territories.
2. Sustainable economic development—including agriculture, enterprise, infrastructure, and financial partnerships—is essential to Tribal self-determination and long-term stability.
3. A dedicated departmental structure is necessary to coordinate economic development projects, manage investment relationships, and separate economic development functions from general governmental administration.
4. Collaboration with qualified financial institutions, including Mallonee National Bank, N.A., can expand access to responsible capital for Tribal enterprises and economic development priorities.

(B) Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to:

1. Establish the Tribal Economic Development Department as a department of the National Federation of Mendocino.
2. Provide centralized leadership, planning, and oversight for Tribal economic development activities.
3. Authorize the TEDD to coordinate investment, financing, and partnership activities—including with Mallonee National Bank, N.A.—subject to Tribal law and approved agreements.
4. Promote job creation, revenue diversification, infrastructure development, and economic sovereignty for the Tribal Nations.

SECTION 3. ESTABLISHMENT AND STATUS

(A) Establishment. There is hereby established the **Tribal Economic Development Department (TEDD)** of the National Federation of Mendocino.

(B) Status. The TEDD shall function as a governmental department under the authority of the Tribal Council or Head Chief, as provided by the Constitution and laws of the National Federation of Mendocino. It is intended to serve as the central administrative unit for economic development, while maintaining appropriate separation between governmental regulatory functions and business or investment activities.

(C) Principal Office. The principal office of the TEDD shall be located at the seat of government of the National Federation of Mendocino, with such other offices as may be authorized.

SECTION 4. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Act:

- **"Department" or "TEDD"** means the Tribal Economic Development Department established by this Act.
- **"Tribal Council"** means the governing body of the National Federation of Mendocino, or the Head Chief acting under delegated authority.
- **"Economic development project"** means any lawful enterprise, investment, infrastructure, agricultural, commercial, or financing activity approved under this Act.
- **"Financial partner"** means a bank, lending institution, or financial services provider approved by the Tribal Council, including Mallonee National Bank, N.A., when engaged under an executed agreement.

SECTION 5. ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP

(A) Director. The TEDD shall be headed by a **Director of Economic Development**, appointed by the Tribal Council or Head Chief in accordance with Tribal law. The Director shall serve at the

pleasure of the appointing authority and shall possess relevant experience in economic development, finance, business administration, or Tribal governance.

(B) Staff. The Director may hire or engage staff, consultants, and technical advisors as authorized by budget and Tribal personnel policies.

(C) Advisory input. The Tribal Council may establish an advisory body or committee to provide guidance on economic development priorities, if deemed appropriate.

SECTION 6. POWERS AND DUTIES

The TEDD shall have the following powers and duties, exercised in accordance with Tribal law and approved procedures:

(A) Planning and Coordination.

1. Develop and recommend a comprehensive Tribal economic development plan.
2. Coordinate economic development activities among Tribal departments, enterprises, and external partners.
3. Identify funding sources, investment opportunities, and financing mechanisms.

(B) Investment and Financing.

1. Evaluate and recommend economic development projects for Tribal approval.
2. Negotiate and administer agreements with financial partners, including Mallonee National Bank, N.A., subject to final approval by the Tribal Council or authorized official.
3. Manage economic development accounts, funds, and investment vehicles as authorized.

(C) Enterprise and Project Support.

1. Support the formation, operation, and oversight of Tribal enterprises and joint ventures.
2. Provide technical assistance, feasibility analysis, and project management support.
3. Promote agricultural, commercial, industrial, and infrastructure development consistent with Tribal priorities.

(D) Compliance and Reporting.

1. Ensure compliance with applicable Tribal, federal, and banking laws and regulations.
2. Maintain records, audits, and financial controls for all economic development activities.
3. Report regularly to the Tribal Council and Head Chief on project performance, capital deployment, and outcomes.

(E) General Authority. The TEDD may do all things necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this Act, subject to the limitations of Tribal law and approved budgets.

SECTION 7. FINANCIAL PARTNERSHIPS AND MALLONEE NATIONAL BANK, N.A.

(A) Authorization. The TEDD is authorized to engage Mallonee National Bank, N.A. as a financial partner for economic development activities, including deposit services, lending, investment facilitation, and related banking services.

(B) Conditions. Any engagement with Mallonee National Bank, N.A. shall be:

1. Approved by the Tribal Council or authorized official;
2. Documented in a written agreement;
3. Subject to the bank's underwriting and applicable regulatory requirements; and
4. Consistent with the Tribe's economic development plan and financial policies.

(C) No guarantee. Nothing in this Act constitutes a guarantee of financing or an obligation of Tribal funds without separate approval.

SECTION 8. BUDGET AND FUNDING

The TEDD shall operate under an annual budget approved by the Tribal Council. The Department may receive funds from Tribal appropriations, grants, enterprise revenues, financing proceeds, and other lawful sources.

SECTION 9. REPORTING AND TRANSPARENCY

(A) The TEDD shall submit quarterly and annual reports to the Tribal Council and Head Chief, including:

1. Economic development projects undertaken or supported;
2. Capital deployed and financing arrangements;
3. Job creation, revenue generation, and community impact;
4. Compliance and audit matters.

(B) Financial records shall be subject to audit as required by Tribal law.

SECTION 10. SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the National Federation of Mendocino or its Tribal Nations, except as expressly provided in a written agreement approved by the Tribal Council.

SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Act is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Act shall take effect upon enactment by the Tribal Council or Head Chief in accordance with the Constitution and laws of the National Federation of Mendocino, and upon publication of notice as required.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned authorized official of the National Federation of Mendocino, hereby certify that this Act was duly enacted on the _15_ day of __November__, 2026.

Lord Devin: Mallonee, /S/ /SS/

Head Chief Tribal Nations,

11-15-2026 National Federation of Mendocino