

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors **PROCLAMATION**

in honor of

Humboldt County Transition-Age Youth Collaboration's Sweet 16 Anniversary

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2024, Humboldt County Transition-Age Youth Collaboration (HCTAYC) will celebrate its "Sweet 16" birthday in recognition of its founding in the spring of 2008; and

WHEREAS, the HCTAYC is a youth advocacy and leadership development organization dedicated to empowering young people with lived experience to transform the foster care, juvenile justice, mental health and homelessness services systems; and

WHEREAS, 16 years ago, the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) convened a conference in response to the Humboldt County Foster Youth Resource Mapping Project, during which advocates, and powerful foster youth leaders, spoke out about the experiences and interconnected needs of system-impacted youth, leading DHHS to partner with California Youth Connection, Youth in Mind and the Youth Training Project to create HCTAYC; and

WHEREAS, since that time, HCTAYC has earned state and federal recognition for bringing together public and private partners, creating significant improvements to our community through tireless policy advocacy, training youth-serving professionals and building innovative programming and interventions; and

WHEREAS, HCTAYC believes that with appropriate resources and support, all system-involved youth are capable of becoming leaders for system transformation, having developed countless leaders in communities across Humboldt County who continue to bring their knowledge, expertise and experience to improving the lives of young people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and commends the Humboldt County Transition-Age Youth Collaboration for its 16 years of youth advocacy and leadership and encourages the community to join in the celebration.

Dated: March 26, 2024

Rex Bohn, Chair

