

**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**



**WHEREAS**, California's long coastline, its proximity to other coastal states with offshore earthquake faults and its location on the Pacific "Ring of Fire" make it vulnerable to tsunamis generated earthquakes nearby or elsewhere in the Pacific Basin; and

**WHEREAS**, 38 tsunamis have been recorded on California's North Coast since 1933, including five that caused damage; and

**WHEREAS**, eleven residents of Del Norte County, California, were killed by the tsunami generated by the 1964 Alaska earthquake; and

**WHEREAS**, one resident of Del Norte County, California, was killed by the tsunami generated by the 2011 Japan earthquake; and

**WHEREAS**, tsunamis caused by underwater landslides as well as offshore earthquakes can occur at any time and with little warning; and

**WHEREAS**, education, awareness and communication are fundamental to saving lives in a tsunami event; and

**WHEREAS**, understanding both the natural warnings that a tsunami might be on its way, and how to receive and respond to official warnings issued by the National Tsunami Warning Center are essential to saving lives in a tsunami event; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California, the National Weather Service and the County of Humboldt commemorate the eighth anniversary of the 2011 Japan tsunami and the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Alaska tsunami by participating in tsunami awareness activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Humboldt and Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services will test the Humboldt Alert system by sending a test message to every registered contact point on Wednesday, March 20, and promoting tsunami preparedness and education throughout the week;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the week of March 18-22, 2019 as "Tsunami Preparedness Week" in Humboldt County.

DATED: March 19, 2019

REX BOHN, Chair