

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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RESOLUTION NO. 21-74

**RESOLUTION CLARIFYING AUTHORITY FOR THE COUNTY DIRECTOR-
HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT AND HIS/HER DESIGNEE, RISK
MANAGER, TO ALLOW, SETTLE OR COMPROMISE PENDING ACTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is authorized by the provisions of Section 935.4 and 949 of the Government Code of California to delegate authority by ordinance or resolution to an employee of the County of Humboldt to perform those functions of the governing body of the public entity to allow, settle, or compromise claims and pending actions against the County of Humboldt; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors delegated authority in 1983 for the County Risk Manager to allow, settle, or compromise claims not exceeding \$20,000 (Resolution No. 83-65); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors increased this settlement authority in 2006 to \$25,000 (Resolution No 06-59); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors increased this settlement authority in 2019 to \$30,000 (Resolution No 19-30) and delegated to the County Risk Manager authority to allow, settle, or compromise pending actions against the County of Humboldt up to that same amount; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors created the Human Resources Department and appointed the Director of Human Resources to assume the responsibilities of the Risk Management Division by Resolution No. 12 -47; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors clarified the Director-Human Resources/Risk Management and his/her designee, the Risk Manager, the settlement authority; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors wishes to clarify that the settlement authority for actions includes pending administrative actions before state or federal agencies against the County of Humboldt or its employees or officers acting in their official capacities.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt hereby clarifies that the delegated authority to the County Director-Human Resources/Risk Management and his/her designee, Risk Manager, to allow, settle, or compromise pending actions against the County of Humboldt encompasses state or federal administrative actions, including associated mediations and arbitrations, if the amount to be paid pursuant to such allowance, settlement, or compromise does not exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) action.

2. That the Auditor-Controller of the County of Humboldt is hereby authorized and directed to cause warrants to be issued upon the treasury of Humboldt County in the amount for which a claim or action (as defined herein) that has been allowed, settled, or compromised by the County Director-Human Resources/Risk Management and/or his/her designee, Risk Manager, pursuant to the authority of the Resolution so long as the amount to be paid pursuant to such allowance, compromise, or settlement does not exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) per claim or action.

3. Except as modified herein, Resolution 19-30 remains in full force and effect.



VIRGINIA BASS, Chair of the Board

Adopted on motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Madrone and the following vote:

- AYES: Bohn, Bushnell, Wilson, Bass, Madrone
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

