



**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; and

WHEREAS, 44 tsunamis have been recorded on California's North Coast since the installation of a tide gauge in Crescent City in 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 and awareness 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 ninth anniversary of the 2011 Japan tsunami and the 56th anniversary of the Alaska tsunami by participating in tsunami awareness activities and promoting tsunami preparedness and education throughout the week; 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 in conjunction with the National Weather Service's tsunami warning communications test beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the week of March 23-27, 2020, as "Tsunami Preparedness Week" in Humboldt County.

DATED: March 17, 2020


ESTELLE FENNELL, Chair