## **PROCLAMATION**

## of the Board of Supervisors County of Humboldt

WHEREAS, Eureka Lodge #1274 of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America was founded on March 16, 1924; and

WHEREAS, on said date, ninety-two members were initiated along with the installation of the Lodge's first president, Victor Zampatti, a prominent local attorney; and

WHEREAS, The Eureka Lodge is the fourth oldest Lodge in California; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, the State Grand Lodge held its convention in Eureka at the Eureka Municipal Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, the initial purpose in organizing the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America was to immediately help assimilate Italian immigrants to understand their rights, accept their responsibilities, and become productive members of American society; and

WHEREAS, The Eureka Lodge today promotes the general welfare of the residents of Humboldt County through fundraising and charitable activities; and

WHEREAS, annually, The Eureka Lodge organizes an outdoor Italian festival, accordion recital, and bocce tournament at the Redwood Ballfields in Cutten; and

WHEREAS, The Sons and Daughters of Italy, Eureka Lodge 1274, will celebrate their 100th anniversary at the Eureka Wharfinger Building on March 23, 2024, beginning at 5:00 P.M.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 16, 2024, as Eureka Lodge 1274 Centennial Day and congratulates the Eureka Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy on its 100th anniversary.

March 12, 2024

Rex Bohn, Chair