



AGENDA ITEM NO.
H-1

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: August 15, 2017

Date: July 17, 2017
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Estelle Fennell and Supervisor Mike Wilson
Subject: Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations for a Civil Rights Diversity Resolution

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors consider adopting a Civil Rights Diversity Resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: On April 25, 2017, the Board of Supervisors received a presentation from the Human Rights Commission related to the development of a Civil Rights Diversity Resolution. After hearing input from the Human Rights Commission, the Board voted to form an Ad Hoc group comprised of Supervisor Fennell and Supervisor Wilson to work with staff to draft a proposed resolution to bring back to the Board for consideration prior to August 31, 2017.

In compliance with Board direction, the attached draft resolution is being brought forward by the Ad Hoc Group for Board consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Resolution.

Signature Estelle Fennell
Signature Mike Wilson

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
____ Consent
____ Departmental
____ Public Hearing
XX Other Board Initiated (10 min)
PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor _____
Seconded by Supervisor _____

Ayes
Nays
Abstain
Absent

SEE ACTION SUMMARY

Board Order No. _____

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and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: _____
By: _____
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

WHEREAS, Humboldt County is home to at least 9 indigenous tribes and a diverse population of United States citizens who can trace their roots to immigrants who made their home here beginning as early as 1806, as well as a significant population of recent immigrants with varied cultures, religions, orientations, abilities and viewpoints; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the tremendous value of a diverse population, sharing perspectives and working toward the common good; and

WHEREAS, the County respects, upholds, and values equal protection and equal treatment for all of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the County in all of its departments and agencies wishes to protect the most vulnerable among us, especially those who cannot protect themselves, i.e. children, the elderly and the infirm; and

WHEREAS, recent events have spurred a sense of uncertainty and fear among communities and families in Humboldt County, throughout our State and across the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors encourages all who wish to make this Country their home to take all possible steps to ensure legal immigrant standing so that they and their families may enjoy our beautiful home in peace and tranquility, without uncertainty or fear; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office has affirmed that enforcement of immigration laws is not the job of the Sheriff and that his office does not and will not conduct proactive or reactive immigration enforcement duties in this community; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's #1 priority is to investigate crime and make our community safe and the community is encouraged to continue to report crimes and to seek protection and assistance from the Sheriff's Office, regardless of their immigration status; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors acknowledges and appreciates the input of various community groups and individuals, including the work of the Humboldt County Human Rights Commission, in developing this resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors affirms our support of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department position on the immigration status of residents of Humboldt County and further affirms our support of a diverse and vibrant community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors shall:

In compliance with all State and Federal laws, provide essential and necessary services to all County residents regardless of immigration status; Continue to support due process and respect for the rights for all residents of Humboldt County; and Continue to encourage efforts and policies that support family unity, community security, dignity and paths to U.S. citizenship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors encourages and supports local law enforcement agencies, including the Sheriff's Office, to not use staff resources to investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration enforcement purposes, except as directed by State and Federal laws, and as stated in the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office declaration of March 14, 2017: "Enforcement of immigration laws is not the job of the Sheriff and my office does not and will not conduct proactive or reactive immigration enforcement duties in this community"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors encourages and supports the Sheriff's office in accomplishing its mission which states, "We, the members of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, are committed to providing competent, effective and responsive public safety services to the citizens of Humboldt County and visitors to our community, recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to all persons and holding ourselves to the highest standards of professional and ethical conduct."

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