

**Proclamation
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

WHEREAS, the month of February marks the 20th anniversary of the Dental Advisory Group and is National Children’s Dental Health Month; and

WHEREAS, the Dental Advisory Group is a diverse partnership that promotes good oral health for all Humboldt County residents, especially low-income adults and children; and

WHEREAS, the Dental Advisory Group has helped bring oral health resources to our community, such as the Humboldt Health Foundation Dental Angel Fund in 2000, the Circle of Smiles Initiative in 2001, First 5 Humboldt and the Mel and Grace McLean Foundation awards in 2014, the Dental Transformation Initiative – Local Dental Pilot project and Prop 56 funding in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Dental Advisory Group is the place for professionals to learn and share information with the goal of preventing dental disease and supporting children to grow into cavity-free adults; and

WHEREAS, National Children’s Dental Health Month is an event that promotes education and awareness along with our local “Smile Humboldt” programs highlighting the idea that “The Power is in Your Hands” to embrace healthy habits and to make and keep dental appointments; and

WHEREAS, tooth decay is the most common disease found in children and is avoidable by brushing twice daily for two minutes using fluoridated toothpaste, flossing daily, having routine check-ups and eating a diet low in sugary foods and drinks; and

WHEREAS, our county supports systems changes for better access to fluoride varnish, dental sealants and fluoridated water regardless of income; and

WHEREAS, the cooperation and advocacy demonstrated by the Dental Advisory Group, the Oral Health Leadership Team, and many additional partners represent the strong commitment to meeting the oral health needs of Humboldt County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of February 2020 as National Children’s Dental Health Month and recognize the significant long-term work of the Dental Advisory Group and calls upon the people of Humboldt County to use and promote good oral health habits and encourage friends and family to do the same.

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Estelle Fennell, Chair

