

PROCLAMATION

OF THE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT



WHEREAS, Humboldt County, its proximity to the Mendocino triple junction, Cascadia subduction zone, and major fault systems both on and offshore make it vulnerable to earthquakes and near-source tsunamis; and

WHEREAS, in historic times, Humboldt County and the adjacent offshore area has been the single most seismically active region of California; and

WHEREAS, since 1900, twenty-five earthquakes have caused significant damage to structures in Humboldt County with an average recurrence of five years and the most recent damaging earthquake was in 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Cascadia subduction zone lies beneath and adjacent to the Humboldt County coast and is capable of producing a very large magnitude earthquake followed within minutes by a major tsunami earthquake shaking is the natural warning that a near-source tsunami may be on its way; and

WHEREAS, earthquakes can occur at any time and with no warning; and

WHEREAS, understanding what to do during strong ground shaking is fundamental to saving lives in an earthquake event; and

WHEREAS, County residents who live or work near the coast are encouraged to use ShakeOut as an opportunity to review tsunami plans and practice evacuating. Earthquake shaking is a natural warning that a tsunami may be coming; and

WHEREAS, taking actions now to strengthen homes, secure items and store emergency supplies will reduce impacts and speed recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County has been a leader in promoting earthquake and tsunami safety in California; and

WHEREAS, the California Earthquake Country Alliance, the Redwood Coast Tsunami Work Group and the California Office of Emergency Services are hosting the Great California ShakeOut, a statewide DROP, COVER and HOLD ON drill at 10:17 a.m. on October 17, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services will conduct a test of the Humboldt Alert Emergency Notification System by sending a test message to all registered and listed residents and businesses at 10:17 a.m. on October 17.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, urge the participation of all Humboldt County residents, businesses and other organizations in the Great California ShakeOut on October 17, 2019.

DATED: October 8, 2019

Rex Bohn, Chair