

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

WHEREAS, the month of February is National Children's Dental Health Month, a national campaign that promotes education and awareness alongside our local "Smile Humboldt Family" program and the mission to improve oral health for all, especially low-income Humboldt County residents and children; and

WHEREAS, tooth decay is the most common chronic disease found in children, and good oral health habits start in childhood; and

WHEREAS, brushing twice daily using toothpaste, flossing daily, having routine check-ups, and eating a diet low in sugary foods and drinks helps prevent tooth decay; and

WHEREAS, an educated community is more empowered to embrace healthy oral hygiene and dietary behaviors and to make and keep dental appointments; and

WHEREAS, oral health issues are preventable particularly with regular access to a toothbrush, toothpaste and floss as well as access to important preventative measures like fluoride varnish, dental sealants and fluoridated water regardless of economic status; and

WHEREAS, through its Local Dental Pilot Project grant, Public Health is working to support low-income children to grow into cavity free adults, and planning to use Proposition 56 dollars to pave the way to create and improve local oral health programs; and

WHEREAS, the continued work and input from the Humboldt County Dental Advisory Group and the Humboldt County Pediatric Oral Health Leadership Team will work toward local solutions and advocacy to ensure that the oral health needs of Humboldt County residents, especially children, can be met.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the month of **February 2019 as National Children's Dental Health Month**, 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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REX BOHN, Chair