

RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) is a program in 41 states including California, with proven outcomes in helping first-time, income-qualifying mothers improve pregnancy and birth outcomes, child development and welfare, and family economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, in Humboldt County, NFP is run by the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Public Health and has been working with local families since 2009; and

WHEREAS, through this program, specially-educated registered nurses visit women regularly in their homes, during their first pregnancy and continuing until the child's second birthday, to influence the baby's critical "first 1,000 days of life" development; and

WHEREAS, NFP is the most rigorously tested program of its kind with randomized controlled trials conducted for more than 40 years demonstrating multi-generational outcomes for families and their communities; and

WHEREAS, NFP has consistent evidence that mothers and children who have participated in the program consistently demonstrate significantly improved prenatal health, fewer subsequent pregnancies, increased maternal employment, improved child school readiness, reduced involvement in crime, and less child abuse and neglect and fewer injuries; and

WHEREAS, leadership of NFP chose to offer the program after they had evidence from at least two randomized controlled trials of enduring program impact and cost-savings, and confidence that the essential elements of the program could be reliably reproduced; and

WHEREAS, data from the 15-year follow-up study to the NFP trial in Elmira, N.Y., showed positive results for nurse-visited families more than 12 years after the visits ended, including a 48 percent reduction in child abuse and neglect, a 59 percent reduction in arrests among children and 72 percent fewer convictions of mothers; and

WHEREAS, through DHHS, the NFP program has been serving some of the most vulnerable families in Humboldt County for the past 10 years, driven by the mission of a future where all children are healthy, families thrive, communities prosper and the cycle of poverty is broken.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the 10 year anniversary of Nurse-Family Partnership in Humboldt County and appreciates the positive impact it has had on the local community.

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REX BOHN, Chair

