

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of April 23, 2024

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE OF FORMER HUMBOLDT  
COUNTY SHERIFF GENE WHEELER COX**

**WHEREAS**, Former Humboldt County Sheriff, Gene W. Cox, passed away on November 29, 1982 just four weeks before he was to retire; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Cox began his police career with the Arcata Police Department in the early 1950's; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1954 Officer Cox joined the Humboldt County Sheriff's office; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1962 Officer Cox became the Undersheriff due to his professional and personal demeanor. He was well respected in the department; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Cox was elected in 1966 as the County of Humboldt Sheriff and was re-elected in 1970, 1974 and 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Cox chose not to seek re-election as he was planning his retirement. It was four short weeks before his retirement that he was shot and killed in the line of fire.

**WHEREAS**, Officer Cox is remembered as the man whose laugh you could hear ringing across the building.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor the life and legacy of former Humboldt County Sheriff Gene W. Cox and wholeheartedly supports the naming of a section of State Route Highway 101 in his memory.

Dated: April 23, 2024

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Rex Bohn, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Adopted on motion by Supervisor, seconded by Supervisor , and the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors --  
NAYS: Supervisors --  
ABSENT: Supervisors --  
ABSTAIN: Supervisors --

STATE OF CALIFORNIA    )  
County of Humboldt        )

I, TRACY DAMICO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Humboldt, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be an original made in the above-entitled matter by said Board of Supervisors at a meeting held in Eureka, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said Board of Supervisors.

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By NICOLE TURNER  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Humboldt, State of California