

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM OF LAURA'S LAW - ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT ("AOT").

WHEREAS, the Assisted Outpatient Treatment ("AOT") Demonstration Project Act of 2002, known as Laura's Law, authorizes each county to elect to offer specified mental health programs, either through a resolution adopted by the county Board of Supervisors, or through the county budget process, if the county Board of Supervisors makes a finding that specified mental health programs will not be reduced as a result of participating; and

WHEREAS, existing law authorizes participating counties to pay for the services provided from funds distributed to the counties from various continuously appropriated funds, including the Mental Health Services Act Fund, realignment and County General Fund, when included in a county plan, as specified; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, on April 6, 2021, motioned to direct the Department of Health and Human Services in collaboration with the County Administrative Office to return with a supplemental budget and position allocation to implement Laura's Law or similar type of service program and request an extension from the state to opt out of Laura's Law; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Branch has identified an increased need in funding totaling Nine Hundred Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty Four dollars (\$909,964.00), with Twenty Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Ninety Two dollars (\$28,892.00) in Fiscal Year 2020-2021, Three Hundred Thirty Six, Two Hundred Twenty Six dollars (\$336,226.00) in Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and Five Hundred Forty Four Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty Six dollars (\$544,846.00) in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 for a pilot AOT program; and

WHEREAS, Department of Health and Human Services, Behavioral Health does not have capacity to add this additional service without reducing voluntary services, thus must outsource services if the AOT pilot is to be successfully implemented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt does hereby:

1. Approve and authorize the implementation of Laura's Law - Assisted Outpatient Treatment ("AOT") pilot program to assist in determining the feasibility of implementation of Laura's Law; and
2. Authorize staff to identify funding to implement the Laura's Law-AOT pilot program; and
3. Approve and authorize the Behavioral Health Branch to issue an RFP to contract out for Laura's Law - AOT pilot program services.

Dated: June 8, 2021

Virginia Bass, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors