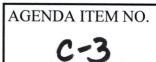


COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT



For the meeting of: July 28, 2015

Date: July 14, 2015

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Virginia Bass

Subject: Resolution Affirming Efforts by Counties to Combat the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

<u>RECOMMENDATION(S)</u>: That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution, and direct the Clerk of the Board to send a fully executed copy to Michelle Gibbons at CSAC, 1100 K Street, #101, Sacramento, CA 95814.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: The CSAC Board of Directors recently adopted a resolution affirming efforts by counties to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Counties are being asked to adopt similar resolutions shining a spotlight on local efforts to combat this incredibly troubling and growing issue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

<u>ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS</u>: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Resolution.

Prepared by	Kathy Hayes		Signature Dugne RCS
REVIEW:			0
Auditor	County Counsel	Personnel	Risk Manager Other
TYPE OF ITEM:			BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
XX Consent Departmental			Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Lovelac
Public Hearing Other			Ayes Lovelace, Fennell, Bohn, Bass
PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:			Abstain
Board Order No			AbsentSundberg
Meeting of:			and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.
			Dated: July 28, 2015 Autourlell By: Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board
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RESOLUTION NO. 15-80

RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM HUMBOLDT COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO PREVENTING COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IN OUR COUNTY AND TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH ALL COUNTY PARTNERS TO IDENTIFY, PROTECT, AND SERVE THESE VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

IN THE MATTER OF the epidemic of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) in the State of California:

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors (Board of Supervisors) recognizes that the commercial sexual exploitation of children is a pressing national, state, and local issue; and

WHEREAS, the FBI estimates that 100,000 children in the United States are sold for sex each year, including child sex trafficking, child sex tourism, and child pornography; and

WHEREAS, three of the top 13 highest trafficking areas in the nation are located in California: San Francisco, Los Angeles, and the San Diego metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, county law enforcement, child welfare services, behavioral health, the courts, and community-based organizations report increasing numbers of exploited underage victims; and

WHEREAS, counties have led the effort to address the unique needs of CSEC youth, including working with law enforcement and the courts to divert suspected exploited children; and

WHEREAS, county law enforcement, child welfare services, behavioral health, the courts, and community-based organizations continue to grapple with identifying and assisting CSEC youth but have also made significant gains in meeting the unique needs of these traumatized children; and

WHEREAS, the need for intensive services tailored to minors who have been ensnared in the illegal sex trafficking trade remains critical.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors affirms the county's commitment to developing and supporting strategies to prevent, reduce, and serve the victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children and work to eliminate sex trafficking in California.

Dated: July 28, 2015

ESTELLE FENNELL, Chair Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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

AYES:SupervisorsLovelace, Fennell, Bohn, BassNAYS:Supervisors--ABSENT:SupervisorsSundbergABSTAIN:Supervisors--

STATE OF CALIFORNIA) County of Humboldt)

I, KATHY HAYES, 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.

By ANA'HARTWELL Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt, State of California