

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
Certified copy of portion of proceedings, Meeting of February 25, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 20-18

**RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES –  
PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY IN REGARD TO THE INVESTIGATION OF A  
BIOTERRORISM EVENT AT PELICAN BAY STATE PRISON**

**WHEREAS**, the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services Public Health Laboratory provides a wide range of laboratory services daily that protect and support the health of Humboldt County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Lab provides expansive environmental services such as drinking water analysis, water testing for public events and local state parks, and testing of local oyster and shellfish growing waters for our local oyster businesses, as well as rabies and tick testing; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lab's clinical services provide testing for influenza, measles, norovirus and many other communicable diseases for local health care providers to identify and help prevent or stop outbreaks within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Health Lab's BSL-3 bioterrorism lab is actively part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC's) nationwide Laboratory Response Network which assists in protecting the nation from biological bioterrorism threats and is a local lab focusing specifically on threats in Humboldt, Del Norte and parts of Trinity counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Lab staff, working with staff from the CDC, Federal Bureau of Investigation, California Department of Public Health, Del Norte County and numerous other agencies, were instrumental in the investigation of a bioterrorism event at Pelican Bay State Prison in Del Norte County; and

**WHEREAS**, Lab staff professionally and promptly identified a suspicious substance which tested positive as the neurotoxin ricin; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC's Laboratory Response Network has recognized the Public Health Lab's efforts during the Pelican Bay State Prison event via a letter and certificate; and

**WHEREAS**, Lab staff are experts in laboratory sciences and use their skills and dedication to help protect the local community with professionalism on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Humboldt County Public Health Laboratory is an important asset to the residents of Humboldt, Del Norte, and parts of Trinity counties.

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize the Humboldt County Public Health Laboratory and its staff for their dedication and efforts in investigating the Pelican Bay State Prison bioterrorism event, and encourage all community members to recognize the Public Health Lab staff for their daily "behind the scenes" work and dedication to the health and safety of our local community.

Dated: February 25, 2020.



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Estelle Fennell, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

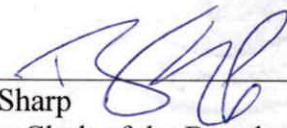
Adopted on motion by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Bass, and the following vote:

AYES:	Supervisors	Bohn, Fennell, Madrone, Wilson, Bass
NAYS:	Supervisors	--
ABSENT:	Supervisors	--
ABSTAIN:	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.



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Ryan Sharp  
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of  
the County of Humboldt, State of California