

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors **PROCLAMATION**

in honor of

Supporting Access to Healthcare and Resources for Two-Spirit, Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex People (2S/TGI) in Humboldt County

WHEREAS, Gender diverse people, including Two-Spirit, Transgender, Gender non-conforming and Intersex (2S/TGI), have existed throughout history and across cultures, including in the local Humboldt area where the Wiyot Tribe uses the term in Soulatluk of “gou’mel” which means “both together”; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County recognizes the contributions of our 2S/TGI employees, community partners, residents, and visitors who are part of our vibrant community and deserve to be treated with dignity, equality, and respect; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, there were over 500 bills restricting the rights of LGBTQ+ people introduced in state legislatures across the country during the 2023 legislative year, over 533 such bills introduced nationwide in the 2024 legislative year, and already over 937 bills filed across the nation in 2025 as of June, including 6 in California, and multiple federal actions have already changed the lives of 2S/TGI people; and

WHEREAS, These bills and other actions disproportionately target 2S/TGI people and include efforts to prohibit access to lifesaving medical care, prevent youth from playing sports alongside their friends, erase people’s identities from vital records and state driver’s licenses, ban books that include 2S/TGI people and history, prohibit people from using restrooms and facilities where they are safe and affirmed for who they are, frame transgender people as inherently dishonorable, and falsely conflate transgender women and girls with men seeking to harm women and girls; and

WHEREAS, Studies have shown that access to gender-affirming healthcare improves the overall wellbeing of transgender people and is associated with better mental health outcomes and lower risks of suicide, which aligns with Humboldt County’s Community Health Improvement Plan’s focus on Suicide Prevention as a key public health priority; and

WHEREAS, the State of California passed SB107 in 2022, which protects individuals seeking gender-affirming healthcare from out of state prosecution and explicitly prohibits law enforcement agencies from knowingly making or participating in the arrest or extradition of an individual pursuant to an out-of-state arrest warrant based on another state's law against receiving gender-affirming healthcare in California; and

WHEREAS, Both patients and healthcare professionals within Humboldt County are protected by California law from attempts to impose criminal punishment, civil liability, administrative penalties, or professional sanctions based on the laws of other states when gender-affirming healthcare is lawful in the State of California and meets standards for professional practice; and

WHEREAS, in the May 2024 Humboldt County 2S/LGBTQIA+ School Climate Survey, taken by middle and high school students from across Humboldt County, the majority of gender diverse students report their mental health as being negatively impacted by anti-transgender legislation from across the country, not feeling safe at school, and avoiding school restrooms due to fears about their personal safety; and

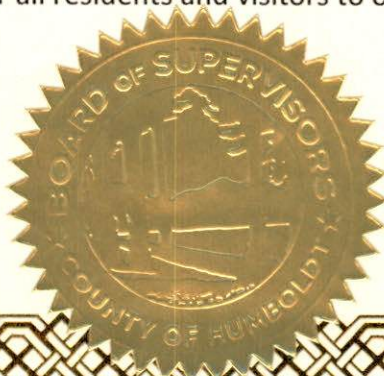
WHEREAS, in the same survey, nearly one-third of 2S/TGI youth report living in fear of losing their housing due to being or seeming queer, with 10% reporting having been kicked out of their home in the prior year due to anti-queer bias, which is further aligned with a key public health priority in the Humboldt County Community Health Improvement Plan of addressing Housing Instability and Homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County will not tolerate acts of hate, discrimination, bullying, or harassment of people who are 2S/TGI; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County affirms its commitment to support the 2S/TGI community, to maintain and improve resources that support health and quality of life, and to protect the privacy of our community's personal information, including health information; and
WHEREAS, in Humboldt County, we believe in and reaffirm the inherent value of each and every resident of our County including our 2S/TGI communities, individuals and families, without exception.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Humboldt County recognizes the importance of gender-affirming healthcare, including mental health services, as matters of essential daily living and equality and will ensure, to the greatest extent permitted by law, that those rights are upheld for all residents and visitors to our County.

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Michelle Bushnell, Chair