

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

WHEREAS, Eureka Police Chief Steve Watson is retiring on November 30, 2021, after twenty-four years of exemplary public service in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Chief Watson was hired May 3, 2005, as a Police Officer and Field Training Officer at that time; and

WHEREAS, Chief Watson was promoted to Sergeant on September 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Chief Watson was then promoted to Captain on November 01, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Chief Watson was appointed interim Police Chief on July 24, 2017, and was permanently appointed to Police Chief on October 17, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Chief Watson put an emphasis on better retention of the current force, more training, expanded partnership and stronger relationships with the staff and public; and

WHEREAS, Chief Watson went above and beyond to cultivate and nurture an excellent working relationship with his county partners: and

WHEREAS, Chief Watson's professional affiliations are many and include the California Police Chiefs Association, the National Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, Josephson's Exemplary Policing, Peace Officers Research Association of California and many other State and Federal programs; and

WHEREAS, locally Chief Watson was a respected member of the Law Enforcement Chiefs Association of Humboldt County, Humboldt County Drug Task Force, Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Coordination Council, Humboldt County Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee, Humboldt County Remote Access Network Executive Board and the Homeland Security Grant Program Committee, Humboldt Operational Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, hereby commend Chief Steve Watson for his years of service and wish him success in his retirement.

November 16, 2021

Virginia Bass, Chair

