



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

D-3

For the meeting of: February 10, 2015

Date: February 2, 2015
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Estelle Fennell
Subject: Proclaim February as Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Month in Humboldt County.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Board of Supervisors have been asked by the Decades of Difference program to recognize Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Month in Humboldt County. The FAFSA is the process that every senior who is planning on enrolling in any kind of post-secondary education or training should consider. It provides the avenue for state and federal funding for students with financial need and also opens the door to institutional aid in the form of grants, work study, and scholarships for students who may not qualify for need based aid.

A complete FAFSA, submitted by the California deadline of March 2nd, together with a Cal Grant High School GPA verification form, could provide thousands of dollars in state and federal aid for a student with need who is attending any form of advanced training.

The Decade of Difference has received second year of funding from College Access Foundation of California allowing the Initiative to promote FAFSA completion, and to continue to develop a professional learning community to serve the needs of all college access and advanced training professionals working in our county. In addition, this year we have developed optional curriculum for classroom teachers to use at the

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Signature Estelle Fennell

REVIEW: Auditor County Counsel Personnel Risk Manager Other

TYPE OF ITEM:
Consent
Departmental
Public Hearing
XX Other - Special Presentation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg
Seconded by Supervisor Bass
And unanimously carried by those members present,
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.

Dated: Feb. 10, 2015
Nikki Turner, Deputy Clerk of the Board

Meeting of:

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high school level which fosters college and career planning, financial aid awareness and FAFSA completion. It is our ultimate goal to give parents and students information regarding preparation for the senior year of high school so that students can graduate with plans in place for post-secondary education or training, and have funding available for this education/training through the financial aid application process.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Decades of Difference

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation.

# PROCLAMATION

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

**WHEREAS**, The Decade of Difference is preparing our youth to be contributing and productive members in our society, community and economy; and

**WHEREAS**, Humboldt County no longer has a safety net of good job and career opportunities without some form of postsecondary education; and

**WHEREAS**, specific strategies within the Decade of Difference Initiative are:

- The Initiative will prepare students for success in college and careers; and
- 90% of high school graduates will continue their education and enroll in a post-secondary educational program; and

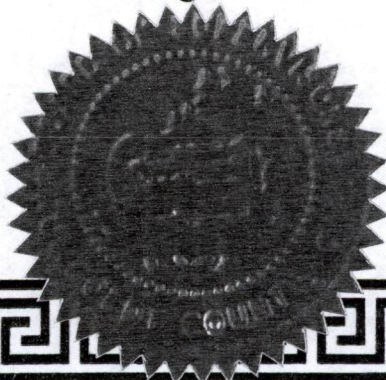
**WHEREAS**, The Decade of Difference wants students to plan on a 2yr, 4yr, or technical training opportunity beyond high school; and

**WHEREAS**, funding a college education, vocational or technical training program is often difficult for students and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid, completion is the gateway to receiving the maximum amount of financial aid available to students attaining degree or certificate completion; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed that the **Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt** recognizes the importance of post-secondary education or training and encourages FAFSA completion as a means to help students receive the necessary financial aid for such training, and thereby declares **February as FAFSA Completion Month** for our local area high schools.

Dated: February 10, 2015



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Estelle Fennell".

Estelle Fennell, Chair