



AGENDA ITEM NO.

D-4

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: October 14, 2014

Date: September 30, 2014

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisors Ryan Sundberg

Subject: 2-Feathers Native American Family Services Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors Authorize the Chair to sign the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: 2-Feathers Native American Family Services has requested the Supervisors proclaim October, 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Humboldt County to bring awareness to the issue and to urge citizens to actively participate in the elimination of violence against all people.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

Prepared by Tracy Damico

Signature Ryan Sundberg

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 Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Bass

Ayes Ludlow, Edm, Bass, Fennell

Nays

Abstain

Absent Sundberg

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: October 14 2014

By: Kathy Hayes

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, Two Feathers Native American Family Services is a chartered entity of Big Lagoon Rancheria, a federally recognized tribe of Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County is home to eight federally recognized tribes with a population of nearly 12 thousand Native Americans, with approximately 53 % Native American population being female; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence, is an epidemic affecting individuals in every community regardless of age, economic status, race, religion, nationality or educational background; and

WHEREAS, Intimate Partner Violence involves current and former spouses and dating partners that includes but is not limited to, physical and/or sexual violence, threats to cause harm, psychological or emotional abuse, financial and spiritual abuse, with nearly 40% of Native women identifying as victims in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, about ¼ of all cases of family violence (involving spouses) against American Indians involve a non-Indian perpetrator, a rate of inter-racial violence 5 times the rate of inter-racial violence involving other racial groups; and

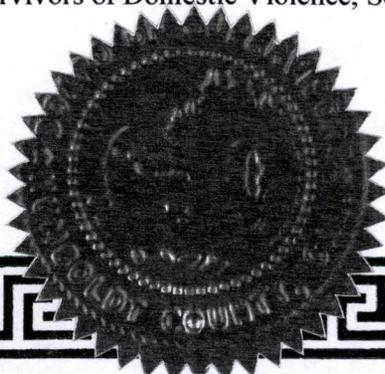
WHEREAS, there has been growing recognition among health care professionals that that domestic violence is a highly prevalent public health problem with devastating effects on individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Native American children are more likely to receive needed mental health care services through a juvenile justice system and in-patient facilities than non-Indian children, and reporting significantly higher rates of depression and suicidal ideation; and

WHEREAS, the Vision of Two Feathers Native American Family Services is to increase public awareness and to serve Native American victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence and child abuse in Humboldt County by providing emergency shelter, food, and clothing as well as social services, therapy, therapeutic cultural groups. To date Two Feathers has provided services to more than 1,200 Native American individuals and families in Humboldt County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby express their appreciation to Two Feathers Native American Family Services for their dedicated service to survivors of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking in Humboldt County.

Dated: October 14, 2014



Rex Bohn

REX BOHN, Chair