

# Humboldt County Board of Supervisors **PROCLAMATION**

*in honor of the*

## **10 Year Splashiversary of the Golden Rule Peace Boat**

**WHEREAS**, the Golden Rule Peace Boat has served as a powerful symbol of peace, environmental responsibility, and nuclear disarmament, inspiring communities throughout North America and the Pacific since its historic relaunch on June 20, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Golden Rule is a 34-foot wooden ketch with a storied legacy dating back to 1958, when she was originally sailed by a courageous crew of Quaker peace activists—including Veterans—for a daring voyage into the nuclear test zone of the Marshall Islands in protest of U.S. atmospheric nuclear weapons testing; and

**WHEREAS**, their mission and nonviolent resistance helped spark the international movement against nuclear weapons, contributing to the Partial Test Ban Treaty of 1963 and inspiring generations of peace advocates worldwide; and

**WHEREAS**, after decades of disuse and deterioration, the Golden Rule was rediscovered and rescued from a Humboldt Bay boatyard in 2010, and lovingly restored over five years by local volunteers, Veterans For Peace, and a network of dedicated supporters in the Humboldt community; and

**WHEREAS**, since her relaunch in Humboldt Bay on June 20, 2015, the Golden Rule has sailed more than 20,000 miles, visiting dozens of ports and communities across North America and Hawai'i to educate, inspire, and rally support for a nuclear-free and peaceful world; and



**WHEREAS**, the 10-Year Splashiversary Celebration on June 14, 2025, from 2 to 5 p.m., honors a decade of renewed voyages and activism, featuring speeches, live music, blessings, a ceremonial splash-in, and opportunities for the public to connect with the crew, project team, and peace community; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's celebration is part of a global wave of "No Kings Day" actions, highlighting international solidarity in the pursuit of democracy, peace, and human dignity, and rejecting militarism and domination on land and at sea; and

**WHEREAS**, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors commends Veterans For Peace and all contributors to the Golden Rule project for their exceptional efforts in restoring and sailing a vessel of such historical and symbolic significance, and for continuing the mission of peace through grassroots action.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and celebrate the **Golden Rule 10-Year Splashiversary**, honoring the extraordinary legacy and continued journey of the Golden Rule Peace Boat as a living vessel of hope, history, and peaceful resistance.



June 10, 2025

Michelle Bushnell, Chair