

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, in 2008, Robert Lohn began buying coats for children in need based on inspiration from his grandsons, leading to the creation of the Coats for the Cold initiative; and

WHEREAS, over the years, the program has expanded significantly and now involves more than 20 schools, 80 local businesses and numerous volunteers, distributing over 5,000 new coats and approximately 20,000 lightly used coats to people of all ages; and

WHEREAS, community involvement plays a significant role in this program - businesses provide space for donation bins and make donations of coats, schools conduct change drives to raise money for new coats, and volunteers help sort and distribute the coats; and

WHEREAS, coats are distributed to various community resource centers and outreach service providers, helping thousands of Humboldt County community members in need; and

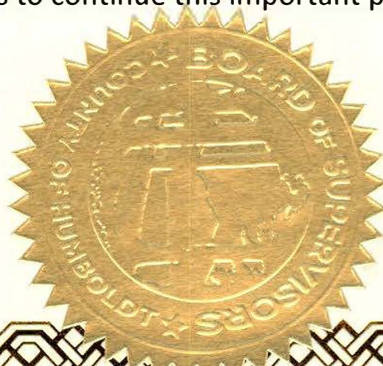
WHEREAS, the program operates with very minimal overhead costs, relying heavily on community support and donations; and

WHEREAS, Robert Lohn, now in his 70s, is concerned about the future of the program and finding others to continue his work, emphasizing the ongoing need for such initiatives in the community; and

WHEREAS, multiple Rotary Clubs in Humboldt County are working to facilitate the transition so that the Coats for the Cold program is able to continue, and will continue to incorporate the Interact Club at Arcata High School, who have been key supporters of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors honors Robert Lohn's dedication to the Humboldt County community and the many contributions that the Coats for the Cold program has made over 16 years, and thanks local Rotary Clubs and Interact Clubs for their efforts to continue this important program.

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Michelle Bushnell, Chair