

# RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

**WHEREAS**, Katherine Ziemer has served exemplarily and with passion as the Executive Director of the Humboldt County Farm Bureau for the past thirty two years; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine has spent the majority of her career advocating for Humboldt County agricultural interests including regulatory matters, the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), land use planning, and many other concerns of her community; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, Katherine took on the role of Executive Director of the Redwood Region Logging Conference and has guided that organization for 22 years, retiring in May, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine's special passion has always been youth outreach and education, with the Farm Bureau developing a significant ongoing scholarship program; and working closely with educators in our communities, established career, educational, and financial opportunities for our agricultural and vocational students; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine helped develop two programs for youth vocational outreach, "Boot's on the Ground" which focuses on those interested in working in the woods, and the national award winning "Redwood Region Resource Rally", a one-day immersive vocational experience for students that attend from throughout the northern California area to develop an understanding of vocational opportunities in the timber industry; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, Katherine took on the added responsibility of stepping in to manage the Humboldt County Fair for one year, presenting a successful event despite the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine has served alongside other county Farm Bureau executive directors throughout all the counties in California, and, among her peers, within all of California Farm Bureau, she is considered among the best for her resourcefulness, passion, leadership, and ability to gather others in communal progress; and

**WHEREAS**, Katherine exemplifies a Farm Bureau guiding principle which states: "...to work for the improvement of conditions surrounding rural life and for the cultivation of such sentiments and ideals as may promote the highest type of neighborliness and citizenship".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors and the citizens of Humboldt County hereby commend and thank Katherine Ziemer for her dedication and service to Humboldt County and wish her a long, prosperous, and active retirement.

Dated: May 10, 2022

Virginia Bass, Chair

