



PROCLAMATION

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Whereas, September 17, 2024, marks the two hundred thirty-seventh anniversary of the framing of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, the United States Constitution, signed on September 17, 1787, stands as the foundation of our nation's government and the embodiment of the principles of liberty, justice, and democracy; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States of America was a turning point in world history, establishing a government of the people, by the people, and for the people; and

Whereas, the central promise of the Constitution, of equal rights under the law, was unfulfilled at its inception, and this promise that all people are created equal had to be made real through struggle—the Civil War, Seneca Falls, Stonewall, and Wounded Knee—and through multiple constitutional amendments; and

Whereas, through the process of amendments, beginning with the Bill of Rights, the Constitution has been expanded and improved to better fulfill its promise of equality and freedom for all, including the abolition of slavery with the Thirteenth Amendment, the granting of citizenship and equal protection under the law through the Fourteenth Amendment, and the extension of voting rights with the Fifteenth and Nineteenth Amendments; and

Whereas, these amendments, and others, have been essential in addressing the injustices and inequalities that persisted in the original Constitution, reflecting our nation's ongoing commitment to expanding freedoms and enhancing democracy; and

Whereas, the unfinished work of creating a more perfect union requires each generation to continue to defend and amend the Constitution to ensure that the rights and liberties of all people are protected and expanded; and

Whereas, Humboldt County recognizes the importance of education about the Constitution, including its amendments, and fostering a greater understanding of their role in shaping and defending our democratic institutions; and

Whereas, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week, and it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this important document; and

Whereas, the Daughters of the American Revolution and other civic organizations have led efforts to promote the study and celebration of the Constitution, encouraging all Americans to reflect on the significance of this document and the ongoing work needed to realize its ideals; and

Whereas, Humboldt County, with its strong tradition of civic engagement and social justice, proudly joins the nation in honoring Constitution Week as a time to reflect on our shared history and to commit ourselves to the ongoing work of expanding and protecting the rights enshrined in the Constitution.

Now, Therefore, the County of Humboldt, does hereby proclaim the week of September 17-23, 2024, as Constitution Week and encourages all citizens to reaffirm the ideals inherent within the Constitution by celebrating the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering those who struggled to ensure that the principles of the Constitution can be enjoyed by all, and recognizing that lost rights may never be regained. Let us honor the legacy of citizens and non-citizens who fought for the rights we now enjoy and recognize our responsibility to defend and expand these rights for future generations.

September 10, 2024



Rex Bohn
Rex Bohn, Chair