## Humboldt County Board of Supervisors **PROCLAMATION**

in honor of

## NATIONAL PACE MONTH

WHEREAS, the elderly population in Humboldt County is growing rapidly, with a significant impact on health care needs and costs; and

WHEREAS, the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is a fully integrated, comprehensive model of care that allows older adults who qualify for a nursing home level of care to continue living safely and independently in their homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, participants enrolled in PACE receive all Medicare- and Medicaid-covered services, along with additional supports such as rehabilitation, transportation, nutrition, social engagement, and family caregiver assistance that promote overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, PACE programs assume full financial responsibility for participants' medical care and related services—including transportation, hospitalization, and long-term care—through capitated payments from Medicare and Medicaid, thereby helping to control costs for the state while improving quality of care; and

WHEREAS, Redwood Coast PACE, a program of the Humboldt Senior Resource Center, has served more than 650 older adults in Humboldt County, with day centers located in Fortuna, Eureka, and now Arcata, providing a trusted local resource for families and seniors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, PACE has consistently demonstrated improved health outcomes, greater participant satisfaction, and enhanced quality of life for older adults, while supporting families and strengthening communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim September 2025 as National PACE Month in the County of Humboldt, and encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of Redwood Coast PACE in ensuring dignity, independence, and quality care for our community's seniors.

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Michelle Bushnell, Chair