RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, Humboldt County is credited with having the first youth court program in the state of California, with a successful model established in 1987 until the early 90's with a solely volunteer-run program; and

WHEREAS, the Boys & Girls Club Teen Court program began in 2001 to serve the youth of Humboldt County, this time with the support of paid staff; and

WHEREAS, since June 2007, Sacha Marini has served diligently as the Program Director for Humboldt County Teen Court, totaling over 17 years of service to the youth of Humboldt County, demonstrating unwavering dedication and integrity in her role; and

WHEREAS, since Sacha Marini started in June of 2007, she has overseen the completion of 439 juvenile cases diverted from traditional punitive means, reflecting her compassionate approach to justice, and commitment to positive change; and

WHEREAS, during Sacha Marini's tenure at Humboldt County Teen Court, she has overseen an extremely low average recidivism rate of only 9.7%, which translated into a 90.3% success rate as Program Director, exemplifying her ability in fostering growth and resilience among the youth; and

WHEREAS, Sacha Marini has thoughtfully executed her mission of disrupting the school-to-prison pipeline, offering a positive, restorative, and overall more constructive alternative to the traditionally punitive juvenile justice system, while consistently embodying empathy and leadership; and

WHEREAS, Sacha has selflessly allocated her time to guiding the Youth Leader's Board of Humboldt County Teen Court, having taken countless youth leaders under her wing as their mentor, teaching them what true leadership looks like, and inspiring them with her own exemplary character and dedication.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby commends and recognizes Sacha Marini for serving as director, mentor, role model, and friend to countless Humboldt County youth; and making a mark on the lives who truly needed guidance with remarkable kindness and unwavering commitment.

DATED: October 1, 2024

Rex Bohn, Chair