

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Program Services Coordinator Laura McEwen is retiring June 24, 2022, after spending years working to address oral health issues in Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, Laura worked for the county from 2002 to 2008 during which time she co-authored the Circle of Smiles Initiative funded by the California Endowment which strived to develop and sustain a network of services and education to improve oral health for children; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Laura came back as a Public Health Nutritionist, being promoted to her current position in 2017; and

WHEREAS, during her career, Laura's main focus has been promoting access to oral health care services in Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, she is credited with starting the Dental Advisory Group and implementing Well Child Dental Visits with the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program with the Circle of Smiles program in the early 90s; and

WHEREAS, during her time at DHHS, she was instrumental in onboarding the Dental Transformation Initiative grant and the Prop 56 grant which has provided funding to help the unmet oral health needs of county residents; and

WHEREAS, Laura is recognized as a long-time advocate for access to oral health care for all people in Humboldt County and has advocated to the State of California to address gaps in access to oral health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes, honors and expresses our gratitude for Laura McEwen's years of dedication to the county and community and wishes her a long and happy retirement.

Dated: June 14, 2022

Virginia Bass, Chair

