



AGENDA ITEM NO.  
**D-1**

# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: April 21, 2015

Date: April 2, 2015  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn  
Subject: Recognition of the Child Abuse Service Team (CAST) for 19 Years of Dedicated Service.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors would like to the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) for providing coordinated collaboration to effectively respond to child abuse cases. CAST is team comprised of specialty trained individuals representing Child Welfare Services, District Attorney, District Attorney Victim Witness, Law Enforcement, Mental Health, North Coast Rape Crisis Team, Probation and Tribal Agencies. This year marks their 19<sup>th</sup> year of dedicated service to the county.

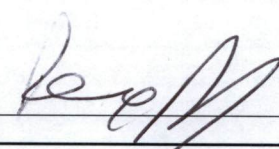
FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution

Prepared by Tracy Damico

Signature 

REVIEW: Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

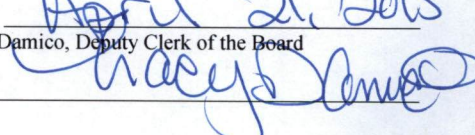
TYPE OF ITEM:  
 Consent  
 Departmental  
 Public Hearing  
 Other  Special Presentation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT  
Upon motion of Supervisor Bohn  
Seconded by Supervisor Bass  
And unanimously carried by those members present,  
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action  
contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: April 21, 2015  
Tracy Damico, Deputy Clerk of the Board  
By: 



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

**WHEREAS**, the impact of sexual assault and child maltreatment can cause severe and long-lasting physical, emotional, and psychological consequences, the experience can be devastating not only for the child, but also for the family and friends of the child; and

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault and child maltreatment cross all ethnic, cultural, religious, socioeconomic backgrounds, the tragedy of child abuse can cause disabilities and poor health, depression, poor academic performance, alcohol and other drug problems, and abusive adult relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST), a multi-disciplinary team comprised of specially trained individuals representing Child Welfare Services, District Attorney, District Attorney Victim Witness, Law Enforcement, Mental Health, North Coast Rape Crisis Team (CALM), and Tribal Agencies was created to reach one of the most vulnerable populations in our community – children who are victims of sexual and physical abuse; and

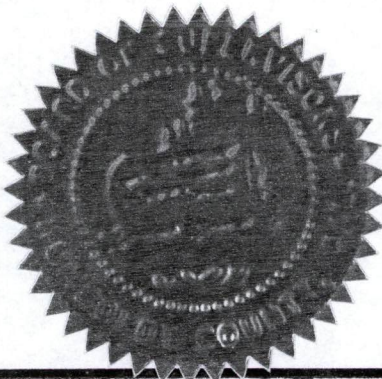
**WHEREAS**, since October 1996 the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) has conducted **2699** comprehensive forensic interviews, this coordinated response has proven successful in the criminal investigation and the prosecution of child abuse cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the effective intervention of the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) multi-disciplinary approach to child abuse investigation has reduced the number of interviews a child abuse victim must undergo; and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens of Humboldt County benefit from coordinated services provided from the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby express appreciation to the members of the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) for their **19** years of dedicated service to sexual and physical abuse victims of Humboldt County.

April 21, 2015



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Estelle Fennell".

Estelle Fennell, Chair