

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

D-2

Moderate

For the meeting of: April 22, 2014

Date:

April 9, 2014

To:

Board of Supervisors

From:

Supervisor Mark Lovelace

Subject:

Resolution Recognizing the Child Abuse Service Team (CAST)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

DISCUSSION:

The Board of Supervisors would like to recognize the Child Abuse Service Team (SART) and express their appreciation for 18 years of dedicated service to sexual and physical abuse victims of Humboldt County.

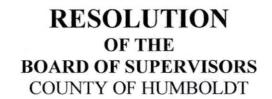
FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution.

| Prepared by | Tracy Damico | | Signature |
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| REVIEW: Auditor | County Counsel | Personnel | Risk Manager Other |
| TYPE OF ITEM: Consent Departmental | | | BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT Upon motion of Supervisor Lovelage Seconded by Supervisor Bass |
| Publi | Public Hearing | | Ayes Sundberg, Lovelace, Bohn, Fernell, Bass Abstain |
| | TION/REFERRAL: | | Absent |
| Board Order No Meeting of: | | | and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report. |
| | | | Dated: April 22, 2014 for furtill |
| | | | Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board |



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 2514 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 **18** years of dedicated service to sexual and physical abuse victims of Humboldt County.

DATE: April 22, 2014

REX BOHN, Chair