



AGENDA ITEM NO.
D-2

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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

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 Lovelace Seconded by Supervisor Bass

Ayes Sundberg, Lovelace, Bohn, Fennell, Bass
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

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
By: [Signature]
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

**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 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
REX BOHN, Chair