

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Teresa Frankovich is stepping down from her position as Humboldt County's Health Officer after leading the county through the first 10 months of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, less than a month after Dr. Frankovich became Health Officer, Humboldt County had its first positive case of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, prior to starting her job with the county, Dr. Frankovich spent nearly 20 years as a Health Officer, including 10 as the Health Officer for a group of rural counties in Michigan, and prior to that, as a pediatrician in California and Michigan, including a stint at Redwood Pediatrics in Fortuna in the early 90s; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Frankovich was hired as a part-time Health Officer and continued to work part-time as a pediatrician at Open Door Community Health Clinic in Eureka, until COVID-19 reached a pandemic level and her full-time dedication to the Health Officer position was needed; and

WHEREAS, Second District Supervisor and Board Chair Estelle Fennell said Dr. Frankovich's efforts and leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic are to be commended as she has helped protect and educate the community during this difficult and unprecedented time, ensuring that we have fared far better than many other California counties and placing us at the cutting edge of pandemic response and treatment protocols; and

WHEREAS, Public Health Director Michele Stephens echoed Supervisor Fennell's sentiments, adding that Dr. Frankovich has been an outstanding Health Officer and an amazing person whose leadership, diligent forethought and planning, coupled with community members' efforts and perseverance, have helped Humboldt County keep its COVID-19 numbers down as long as we have; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff William Honsal said during her time as Health Officer, Dr. Frankovich has conducted herself with the utmost professionalism and compassion, putting the community and its needs above her own. Helping not only lead the community through this Public Health crisis, but helped guide us through the federal, state and local pandemic response, and it has been an honor to work with her.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and expresses our gratitude for Dr. Frankovich's dedication in helping protect our community during the COVID-19 pandemic and looks forward to her continued support as a new Health Officer takes the helm.

December 15, 2020

Estelle Fennell, Chair

