



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.  
C-4

For the meeting of: June 23, 2015

Date: June 8, 2015  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass  
Subject: Resolution Honoring the First Presbyterian Church 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The First Presbyterian Church in Eureka will be celebrating 125 years of faithful service to local and global communities on June 26, 27 and 28, 2015. The Board of Supervisors is honoring the First Presbyterian Church on their 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Resolution to commemorate this momentous milestone.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature Virginia Bass

REVIEW:

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

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other Special Presentation - 5 minutes

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

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

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Sundberg

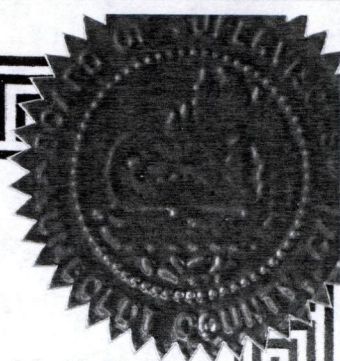
- Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Bohn, Bass
- Nays \_\_\_\_\_
- Abstain \_\_\_\_\_
- Absent Lovelace

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: June 23, 2015  
By: Kathy Hayes

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

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



**WHEREAS**, the First Presbyterian Church of Eureka will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary June 26 - 28, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, a group of Presbyterians within the Congregational Church of Eureka decided to establish a church of their own denomination in 1890, and gathered that year for an organizational meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Reverend James S. McDonald, D.D., with 54 charter members and four elders, organized the First Presbyterian Church of Eureka on June 30, 1890; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1892, the Reverend Spencer N. Adsit was installed as pastor of the church, and the Second Congregational Church at 939 "F" Street was acquired as a home for the First Presbyterian Church where worship continued until 1931; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1909, the Reverend Robert A. Crichton became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, beginning a 24-year period of service to the congregation; a pipe organ was purchased in 1912; the church continued to grow, and by 1916, there were 185 persons attending services; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1929, the church purchased property located between "I" and "J" Streets which became the site for a new church building.....opening services took place on March 24, 1931; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1954, the church broke ground for a manse that was built on the southeast portion of the property, and additional Sunday School rooms were finished, including a large meeting room; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James McClure Brown was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in 1959, and many improvements were added to the church during his tenure, including a bell tower to house chimes, the Christian Education wing was refurbished, and a church library was added; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993, Dr. Daniel Price was installed as pastor and continues to lead the congregation in weekly contemporary and traditional worship services. Reverend Price is an active participant in Humboldt Redwoods Cursillo, Eureka Interfaith Fellowship, and serves the community as President of the Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation which seeks to provide food and safety for the area's homeless population; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than twenty years a homestay program with Keisen Jogaku-en Christian High School for Girls in Tokyo has been held. Girls from Tokyo and boys and girls from Eureka exchange homes for several weeks in alternate summers; and

**WHEREAS**, an annual Vacation Bible School (VBS) and active youth ministry at the Presbyterian Church have attracted children and youth from within the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the congregation has shown support for Habitat for Humanity, the Heifer Project, and a mission hospital in Zimbabwe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates the Eureka First Presbyterian Church on their anniversary and for providing 125 years of faithful service to local and global communities.

Dated: June 23, 2015

Estelle Fennell, Chair