

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

For the meeting of: November 4, 2014

Date:

October 17, 2014

To:

Board of Supervisors

From:

Supervisor Estelle Fennell

Subject:

Proclaim November, 2014 as National Family Caregiver Month.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

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

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: Family Caregivers in Humboldt County make a huge difference in the lives of many people living in our Community. The Board is proclaiming November, 2014 as National Family Caregiver Month in Humboldt County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation.

| Prepared by Tracy Damico | | Signature SWO Sull |
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| REVIEW: | | |
| Auditor County Counsel | Personnel | Risk Manager Other |
| TYPE OF ITEM: Consent Departmental Public Hearing XX Other Special Presentation (5 min) PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL: | | BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT Upon motion of Supervisor Famell Seconded by Supervisor Bass Ayes Sundberg, Lovelace, Bohn, Fernvell, B. Nays Abstain Absent |
| Board Order No | | and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report. Dated: 100. 4. 2014 By: |

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Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, family members, friends, and professional homecare workers devote themselves to providing in-home care to their relatives, loved ones, and clients. During National Family Caregivers Month, we recognize and thank the humble heroes who do so much to keep our families and communities strong; and

WHEREAS, in-home caregivers are a vital pillar of our nation's long-term care system, enabling millions of seniors and people with disabilities to continue living with dignity and self-determination in their own homes. The work of these caregivers requires immense compassion, attentiveness, understanding, and a deep commitment to the wellbeing of others; and

WHEREAS, California's In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program serves nearly 500,000 clients. IHSS workers preserve quality-of-life for these individuals, save taxpayer dollars and prevent more costly hospitalization or institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, in-home caregivers have an immeasurable impact on the lives of those they care for, but their hours are long and their work is hard. Many caregivers are unpaid and most homecare professionals receive modest compensation. They often put their own lives on hold, sometimes sacrificing more lucrative careers and other life opportunities because they are dedicated to lifting up those in need; and

WHEREAS, National Family Caregivers Month is a time to reflect on the compassion and dedication that in-home caregivers embody every day. As we offer our appreciation and admiration for their difficult work, let us also extend our own offers of support to them, their loved ones, and their clients.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the importance and benefit of inhome caregivers and proclaims

NOVEMBER, 2014

as

NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH

DATED: November 04, 2014

Rex Bohn, Chair