

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Donald Baird is retiring from his position after nearly seven years with the county; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Department of Health & Human Services, Dr. Baird worked closely with Public Health staff to obtain accreditation by the National Public Health Accreditation Board in 2016, making Humboldt the first California county of its size to achieve this status; and

WHEREAS, along with Public Health's team of professionals and the Humboldt-Del Norte County Medical Society, Dr. Baird participated in the establishment of the Rx Safe Humboldt Coalition, a multi-disciplinary team made up of the Coroner's Office, Partnership HealthPlan of California, the Humboldt Independent Practice Association, Aegis and representatives from local clinics, pharmacies and hospitals to address opioid addiction locally; and

WHEREAS, during his time with DHHS, Dr. Baird worked with the Communicable Disease team as it dealt with pandemic flu, measles, mumps, chickenpox, pertussis, tuberculosis, norovirus, E.coli, salmonella and shigella, as well as botulism, leprosy and an ongoing outbreak of STDs; and

WHEREAS, during the past seven years, Dr. Baird worked alongside DHHS staff and community partners taking an active role in disaster preparations for the county, including providing mutual aid to other counties during devastating fires and most recently triaging patients to determine who couldn't go without power during the countywide PG&E planned power outages; and

WHEREAS, during his time as the Health Officer, Dr. Baird gained the reputation as a team player known for having an office drawer filled with cookies and chocolate always available for anyone who needed a sweet treat.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes, honors and expresses our gratitude for Dr. Baird's contribution to the Public Health of the community and wishes him well as he continues to work part time at Open Door Clinic in Ferndale and takes time to travel the world.

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ESTELLE FENNELL, Chair