

ORDINANCE NO. 1023

ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS  
AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NOS. 530, 572 AND 663.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS. The "Humboldt County Commission on Human Rights" is hereby established.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY FOR ESTABLISHMENT. The Commission is established pursuant to Title 5, Division 1, Part 1, Chapter 1, Article 10 of the Government Code (§§ 50260-50265) and pursuant to Section 31000.1 of the Government Code.

SECTION 3. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF COMMISSION. The Commission shall consist of fifteen (15) members who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors of each district shall appoint two (2) members, and the remaining five (5) members shall be appointed at large. The two (2) members appointed by the individual Supervisors of Districts 1, 2 and 3 shall serve a term which shall become effective on the date the member is appointed and shall expire on June 30, 1977. The two (2) members appointed by the individual Supervisors of Districts 4 and 5 shall serve a term which shall become effective on the date the member is appointed and shall expire on June 30, 1975. Three (3) of the five (5) members appointed at large shall be appointed for a term which shall become effective on the date the member is appointed and shall expire on June 30, 1975, and the two (2) remaining

members at large shall be appointed for a term which shall become effective on the date the member is appointed and shall expire on June 30, 1977. All subsequent appointments shall be for a term of four (4) years and shall expire on June 30 of the fourth year after appointment. Members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 4. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES. The members of the Commission shall select a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary. The Chairman shall preside at all meetings and shall provide the agenda for such meetings. The Vice-Chairman shall preside in the absence of the Chairman and shall assist the Chairman in the conduct of his office. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings, prepare correspondence under the direction of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, send notices of meetings, maintain membership lists and maintain the files of the Commission.

SECTION 5. PURPOSE OF COMMISSION. The Commission is established to aid in the eradication of discrimination in Humboldt County, with particular reference to housing, employment, education and public accomodation. This Board of Supervisors recognizes that such discrimination is harmful to those discriminated against and is ultimately harmful to the County as a whole, due to the lack of utilization of the human potential of those subject to such discrimination, and further due to depreciated property values and the increased cost of governmental services such as law enforcement and welfare. Committees may be established by the Commission.

SECTION 6. RESPONSIBILITY OF COMMISSION. It shall be the responsibility of the Commission:

A. To foster mutual respect and understanding among all racial, religious and nationality groups in the County.

B. To make such studies in any field of human relationship in the County as in the judgment of the Commission will aid in effectuating its general purposes.

C. To inquire into incidents of tension and conflict among or between various racial, religious and nationality groups, and to take action by means of conciliation, conference, and persuasion to alleviate such tensions and conflict.

D. To conduct and recommend such educational programs as, in the judgment of the Commission, will increase good will among inhabitants of the County and open new opportunities into all phases of community life for all inhabitants.

SECTION 7. OBLIGATIONS OF COMMISSION. The Commission shall discharge the following obligations:

A. To hold conferences and other public meetings in the interest of the constructive resolution of racial, religious and nationality group tensions and the prejudice and discrimination occasioned thereby.

B. To issue such publications and reports of investigation as in its judgment will tend to effectuate the purposes of this ordinance.

C. To enlist the cooperation and participation of the various racial, religious and nationality groups, community organizations, industry and labor organizations, media or mass communication, fraternal and benevolent associations,

and other groups in an educational campaign devoted to fostering among the diverse groups of the County mutual esteem, justice and equity.

D. To encourage and stimulate agencies under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors to take such action as will fulfill the purposes of this ordinance.

E. To submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 8. MEETINGS. The Commission shall hold regular monthly meetings at such time and place as shall be agreed upon by the Commission, and such other special meetings as shall be required from time to time. Special meetings shall be called by the Chairman of the Commission, or, in his absence from the County, by the Vice-Chairman. Special meetings shall be effective for the transaction of business only if notice has been given to each member at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the special meeting, and the notice shall contain the subject of the special meeting. No action taken at either regular or special meetings shall be valid unless approved by a majority of the members of the Commission present and voting and unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of five (5) members of the Commission.

SECTION 9. REMOVAL OF MEMBERS OF COMMISSION FOR FAILURE TO ATTEND MEETINGS. In the event that any member of the Commission shall absent himself from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Commission, without showing good cause therefor to the Chairman, at the fourth such consecutive regular meeting from which he is absent his place shall automatically become vacant.

Such vacancy shall be reported to the Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Supervisors shall appoint another member for the unexpired term of the member whose absence gave rise to the vacancy.

SECTION 10. REPEALER. Ordinances Nos. 530, 572 and 663 are hereby repealed.

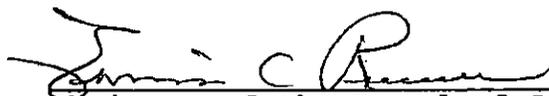
SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE. This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of its enactment.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 22 nd day of April, 1975, on the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors: Renner, Murguia, Peterson, Bass, Dorsey

NOES: Supervisors: None

ABSENT: Supervisors: None



Chairman of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Humboldt, State of  
California.

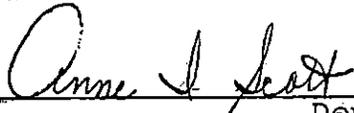
(SEAL)

ATTEST:

FRED J. MOORE, JR.

County Clerk and ex officio Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Humboldt, State of California.

By



Deputy Clerk