

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION DELEGATING AUTHORITY
FOR THE COUNTY DIRECTOR-HUMAN RESOURCES/RISK MANAGEMENT
TO INITIATE ADMINISTRATIVE INVESTIGATIONS AND CONTRACT
FOR RELATED THIRD-PARTY INVESTIGATORS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is authorized by Section 25303 of the Government Code of California to supervise the conduct of all county officers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is also responsible for the supervision of all appointed department heads; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has an obligation to supervise county officers and investigate alleged misconduct (Guarino v. County of Siskiyou (2018) 21 Cal.App.5th 1170, 1181); and

WHEREAS, the Board's supervisory power includes the power to investigate through use of its agents and officers and via contracts with third parties (Gov. Code 23003 & 23005, Skidmore v. County of Amador (1936) 7 Cal.2d 37, 40); and

WHEREAS, initiation of administrative investigations has traditionally been the responsibility of the Director-Human Resources/Risk Management; and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to delegate authority to initiate investigations (Gov. Code. 23005, Golightly v. Molina (2014) 229 Cal.App.4th 1501, 1515-1516); and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors wishes to formally delegate authority to Director-Human Resources/Risk Management for administrative investigations while retaining final supervisory authority to consider and act upon any resulting information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt hereby delegates to the Director-Human Resources/Risk Management the authority to initiate, and if necessary, contract with third-party investigators for any inquiry involving County employees or officials as defined in Government Code § 24000 or County Code.

