## **PROCLAMATION**

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is celebrated nationally as well as in California where it starts on the birthday of Luther Burbank, famed California horticulturalist who produced hundreds of plants and trees that have contributed to the natural splendor and food production in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, California Arbor Week has the involvement of "Keep Eureka Beautiful", which has planted over 900 street and front yard trees to improve the quality of life in Eureka; and

WHEREAS, trees help maintain or increase property values and attract business and new residents; and

**WHEREAS**, trees slow traffic, encouraging residents, young and old, to bicycle and walk;

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the amount of energy consumed in heating and cooling buildings; and

WHEREAS, trees help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by sequestering carbon; and

WHEREAS, trees reduce air pollution; and

WHEREAS, trees protect and purify our coast and bay by reducing surface runoff; and

WHEREAS, trees provide essential habitat for birds and other wildlife.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims March 7<sup>th</sup> through March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 as California Arbor Week and urge all citizens to observe and celebrate the week by planting trees for our own benefit and for the benefit of future generations.

DATED: March 10, 2020

ESTELLE FENNELL, Chair