

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors **PROCLAMATION**

in honor of

Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week

WHEREAS, National Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week is celebrated every year on the second full week of April, this year it takes place from April 14-20; and

WHEREAS, it's a week when communities are encouraged to learn about what the job of animal control really entails and to be grateful for those who do it; and

WHEREAS, in the past, the 'evil dog-catcher' was something you would see often in kids' cartoons, but this depiction only promotes children's negative perception of the trade. In reality, animal control officers risk their lives to protect both animals that are sick or injured and humans from animals that may be violent or have contagious diseases; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Animal Shelter days and hours are M, W, F 10-4 & Tu, Th 10-7; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Shelter cared for, sheltered and fed 1,456 dogs, cats, and other animals in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Officers responded to 2,469 calls for service in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Control Officers took 122 Dog Bite reports in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Shelter successfully adopted out 635 animals in 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Animal Shelter has 12 employees and 40 volunteers; and

WHEREAS, last year the community supported the Shelter and our Animal Control Officers by donating just over \$100,000 to the Emergency Medical Fund and 8,950 hours of time to ensure that those abandoned animals are taken care of.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Supervisors, Sheriff William Honsal and the staff of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office hereby commends and thanks the Humboldt County Animal Control Officers for their service to this community.

Dated: April 9, 2024

Rex Bohn, Chair

