

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**



WHEREAS, after more than three decades of helping people struggling with addiction, Singing Trees Recovery Center permanently closed its doors last month; and

WHEREAS, Singing Trees opened in early 1991 after Chuck Watson and his friend decided to open a treatment center in Southern Humboldt on the family property; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Watson's sister, Patty Watson, joined the team by working in the office and eventually took over as co-owner with her brother, and in 2016 Patty became the sole owner of the facility; and

WHEREAS, Singing Trees was known for its beautiful location that provided a calming setting for detox and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the center served people from not only Humboldt but from all over Northern California; and

WHEREAS, Singing Trees offered a variety of different treatments for people who wanted/needed help with their addictions, and held 20 beds and had a full staff of three counselors who led 12-step meetings, group counseling, one-on-one counseling, holistic healing and yoga classes; and

WHEREAS, nature was an important part for many in recovery at Singing Trees where clients were encouraged to sit under the redwoods, hike through the property and swim in the Eel River; and

WHEREAS, the center helped open Alcoholic Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings and a very popular Sunday lunch meeting with a free meal for 28 years that many people attended and still remember today; and

WHEREAS, the COVID pandemic had a very negative effect on the center that created an unstable work environment thus leading to a reduction of services and staff, that the center could not financially overcome leading to the last residents finishing their program on October 13, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors recognizes the incredible and positive impact that Singing Trees Recovery Center had on the community for over 31 years and thanks them for their years of service.

Dated: December 6, 2022

Virginia Bass, Chair