



AGENDA ITEM NO.
D-4

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: April 15, 2014

Date: April 15, 2014
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisors Ryan Sundberg
Subject: 2-Feathers Native American Family Services Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors Authorize the Chair to sign the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: 2-Feathers Native American Family Services has requested the Supervisors proclaim April 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Humboldt County to bring awareness to the issue and to urge citizens to actively participate in the elimination of violence against all people.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board Discretion

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

Prepared by Tracy Damico Signature Ryan Sundberg

REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other Special Presentation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg
Seconded by Supervisor Buss
And unanimously carried by those members present,
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action
contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:
Board Order No. _____
Meeting of: _____

Dated: April 15 2014
Nikki Turner, Deputy Clerk of the Board
By: Tracy Damico

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, Two Feathers Native American Family Services is a chartered entity of Big Lagoon Rancheria, a federally recognized tribe of Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County is home to eight federally recognized tribes with a population of 11,972 Native Americans, approximately 53% of whom are Native women at 6,345, and 24% Native children at 2,873; and

WHEREAS, Native American women are at least 3 times more likely to be sexually assaulted in their lifetime, twice that of other women in the United States, it is our hope that with the passing of VAWA and the inclusion of Tribal Authority this will improve; and

WHEREAS, 18% of all women are sexually assaulted each year, 34% of whom are Native American/Alaskan Native women, 15% of reported sexual assaults are children under the age of 12; and

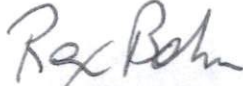
WHEREAS, 70% of all reported sexual crimes in the United States involve children; 1 in 3-4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before the age of 18, and 1 in 5 children is solicited sexually while on the internet, Native children having the highest rates of victimization; and

WHEREAS, this month, we emphasize the importance of understanding that the devastating lifelong effects of Sexual Assault, and Child Abuse and neglect, are epidemics we commit to learn more about; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Two Feathers Native American Family Services is to increase public awareness and to serve Native American victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and dating violence in Humboldt county by providing social services, therapy, and emergency clothing, food and shelter. To date Two Feathers has provided services to more than 1000 Native American individuals and families in Humboldt County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby express their appreciation to **Two Feathers Native American Family Services** for their dedicated service to victims of Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking in Humboldt County.

Dated: April 15, 2014


REX BOHN, Chair