

RESOLUTION

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT



WHEREAS, Judge Abby Abinanti, a dynamic and effective leader for equal access to the justice system and expanded resources and programs for Native American residents across California, has been selected by Senate Majority Leader Mike McGuire as the 2023 North Coast Woman of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Judge Abby is a trailblazer who was the first tribal woman to pass the state bar and become a judge in California, and has proudly held the title as Chief Tribal Court Judge since 2007; and

WHEREAS, during her successful tenure as Chief Tribal Court Judge, Abinanti has been laser-focused in the Murdered & Missing Indigenous People (MMIP) crisis, which has disproportionately impacted women in the Yurok Tribe, and has led the way to significantly expand services and programs available to combat the MMIP crisis along with creating Yurok culturally-centered court services including Child Support Court, Wellness/Diversion; and

WHEREAS, Judge Abby's commitment to fighting for families, women, and tribal justice is second to none, and she has helped countless individuals and families access justice and rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Abinanti was recognized with the Lawrence R. Baca Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Law Section of the Federal Bar Association for dedicating her career to integrating Native values in the justice system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors congratulates Judge Abby Abinanti on her award of Woman of the Year, and expresses its deep appreciation for her unwavering dedication to justice and her tireless efforts to make the justice system more accessible and responsive to the needs of Native American residents across California.

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to Judge Abby Abinanti in recognition of her outstanding achievements and contributions to the people of Humboldt County and the State of California.

DATED: April 18, 2023

Steve Madrone, Chair