



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
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For the meeting of: October 27, 2015

Date: October 9, 2015
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Virginia Bass
Subject: Resolution Honoring the 20th Anniversary of the Opening of the Eureka Main Library

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the Resolution.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Eureka Main Library is planning a major event on November 2, 2015 in honor of the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Eureka Main Library Branch. The Board of Supervisors is honoring this momentous occasion with a Resolution and encourages everyone to participate in the upcoming event.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes Signature Virginia Bass
REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Council _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other Special Presentation - 5 minutes
PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Cavelace
Ayes Sandberg, Cavelace, Fennel, Bohm, Bass
Nays
Abstain
Absent

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

and carried by those members present the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: October 27, 2015
By: Kathy Hayes
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

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



WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Library Construction Advisory Committee worked persistently for 22 years from concept to completion to build the combined Humboldt County Library headquarters and the Eureka Main Library at 1313 Third Street, Eureka; and

WHEREAS, the Eureka Main Library had its grand opening on November 4, 1995 and represents the collective effort of hundreds of volunteers and thousands of contributors who worked against many obstacles to realize the construction of this 64,000 square-foot public library to benefit all of the citizens of Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, during the month of November 2015, the people of Humboldt County will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Eureka Main Library, and in recognition of this historic occasion, the community is deserving of special public commendations from the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, historically, in 1859, the Eureka Library Association established a public library in Eureka, and in 1915, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors established the Humboldt County Free Library to serve county residents which was housed in various locations, and in 1960, it was moved temporarily to the Humboldt County Courthouse. In 1972, the City of Eureka Public Library and the Humboldt County Library combined their institutions; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, a Library Construction Advisory Committee was appointed to plan for a new combined Humboldt County Library headquarters and Eureka Public Library structure for which architectural planning began and a major fundraising campaign launched in 1985; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, California's 2nd District State Senator Barry Keene sponsored the Construction and Renovation Bond Act which was passed successfully by California voters, and approved a \$75 million dollar bond act for library construction statewide, and between the years 1988 to 1991, the Library Construction Advisory Committee and the Friends of the Redwood Libraries raised over \$1.5 million dollars in local funds to match state grant funds; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors pledged funds to meet the local match requirement of the Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, out of the 110 statewide applications received for funds, Humboldt County successfully secured one of 16 grant applications that were awarded that year, and received 65 percent of the project funds necessary to construct the new Eureka Main Library; and

WHEREAS, in September 1993, ground breaking ceremonies were held for the Eureka Main Library at its current location, and the Library Construction Advisory Committee demonstrated to all Californians their dedication, perseverance and commitment to the greater good of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby commends the hard work and public spirit demonstrated by everyone involved in the planning, development and completion of the new Eureka Main Library, and urges the public to participate in the 20th Anniversary celebration and ceremonies of the Eureka Main Library

Dated: October 27, 2015


Estelle Fennell, Chair