

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

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Budget Specialist Melissa Chilton is retiring after nearly 23 years with the department; and

WHEREAS, Melissa was hired in 2002 as a Senior Fiscal Assistant, spending a year working in an out-of-class assignment as a Senior Accountant Auditor before being promoted to Budget Specialist in 2005, a position she has held for almost 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Melissa is well regarded and respected by her peers across the state and has worked on a number of state committees, including as co-chair and chair of the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California's Financial Analysis and Review Subcommittee workgroup while it was active and lead the California Behavioral Health Administrators Association; and

WHEREAS, Melissa's significant expertise in complicated Department of Health Care Services fiscal requirements and regulations made it possible for her to challenge this governing body with confidence and authority when necessary due to her breadth and depth of knowledge and understanding; and

WHEREAS, Melissa is credited as the chief financial architect of the first regional Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System in the state, opening access to substance use disorder treatment for thousands of people across northern California; and

WHEREAS, her expertise and statewide leadership has helped thousands of residents access mental health and substance use disorder treatment and recovery services and has supported the health and wellbeing of children, youth and families throughout Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, Melissa's contribution to the field of behavioral health will be felt by the Humboldt County community and beyond for many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes, honors and expresses our gratitude for Melissa Chilton's years of dedication to the county and community and wishes her all the best as she gets on her horse and rides off into the sunset.

DATED: March 11, 2025

Michelle Bushnell, Chair

