

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

Water Safety Awareness Day

WHEREAS, May 15, 2019 is designated as Water Safety Awareness Day throughout Humboldt County schools; and

WHEREAS, water safety education in our schools, that may include an array of activities from life jacket safety, boat safety, educational games, swimming lessons, or beach safety provides students with the curriculum of important life skills that can carry into adulthood, fostering the knowledge of water safety on or near all bodies of water, that will encourage safe and responsible behavior; and

WHEREAS, water safety will provide young people with increased awareness about the importance of wearing a life jacket, learning how to swim, always being aware of your surroundings, and general safety considerations for beaches, rivers, and other bodies of water to support learning and developing essential lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, with ongoing incidents on and around our local rivers and beaches that have resulted in drownings, the need to increase and/or add water safety awareness education to school curriculum and acknowledge annual Water Safety Awareness is critical; and

WHEREAS, Water Safety Awareness Day will give young people and their families the knowledge to help prevent the occurrence of water tragedies in our local waters that affect everyone in our community.

NOW THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim May 15th, 2019 as Water Safety Awareness Day from here on after and urge all citizens to become familiar with services and resources available in our area that provide water safety knowledge and participate in programs to enhance individual life skills of water safety.

DATED: May 14, 2019



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rex Bohn".

Rex Bohn, Chair