

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors **PROCLAMATION**

BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt is proud to proclaim the month of March 2025 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month to raise awareness of the challenges faced by individuals living with bleeding disorders, such as hemophilia and Von Willebrand disease; and

WHEREAS, Hemophilia is a rare genetic condition affecting at least 4,000 people in California, and Von Willebrand disease impacts at least 360,000 people across the state; and

WHEREAS, individuals living with bleeding disorders can lead productive, fulfilling lives when provided with proper care, medical resources, and access to comprehensive treatment options; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has demonstrated its commitment to the proper care and treatment of individuals with bleeding disorders through critical legislation and ongoing efforts to ensure that adequate medical resources are available to those in need; and

WHEREAS, the Hemophilia Council of California works to improve access to care and treatment for those with bleeding disorders through advocacy, education, and outreach, while collaborating with its founding member organizations to advance quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Redwood Bleeding Disorders Community plays a key role in supporting individuals and families living with bleeding disorders in Northern California through their mission to improve quality of life, build community, and offer various programs and services that educate, advocate, and support the needs of those impacted by bleeding disorders; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in March 2025 will elevate public awareness of inherited bleeding disorders, empowering individuals and communities to take action in preventing illness, unnecessary medical procedures, and disability, while promoting better access to care for those affected; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of individuals and organizations like the Redwood Bleeding Disorders Community are essential in raising awareness, fostering understanding, and ensuring that people with bleeding disorders have the support they need to live healthy and productive lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt hereby recognizes the month of March 2025 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month and encourages all residents of Humboldt County to join in the efforts to raise awareness, support individuals and families living with bleeding disorders, and promote access to life-saving care and treatment.

Dated: March 11, 2025

Michelle Bushnell, Chair

