## RESOLUTION of the Board of Supervisors County of Humboldt



## In appreciation for the Eureka Street Art Festival and its organizers

WHEREAS, the Eureka Street Art Festival began in 2018 with its core mission being to create intentional, accessible art that enlivens public spaces, stimulates community revitalization, and attracts visitors to Eureka; and

WHEREAS, over the past seven years, the annual festival has added 100 new murals to the City of Eureka and repainted three existing murals as well as added over 20 new public art sculptures to public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Eureka Street Art Festival has featured the work of more than 60 local artists, prioritizing underrepresented communities and lifting local artists and businesses through the Festival and the Mural Apprentice Program; and

WHEREAS, the Eureka Street Art Festival has also welcomed artists from around the world and all over the United States, including artists from Brazil, Toronto, Montreal, Puerto Rico, Los Angeles, Oakland, Seattle, Miami, and New York City; and

WHEREAS, the Eureka Street Art Festival has beautified a variety of neighborhoods and commercial districts in the City of Eureka, including Old Town, the Broadway corridor, and Henderson Center; and

WHEREAS, the Eureka Street Art Festival has been volunteer-run and funded by community donations and arts grants since its inception, with generous donations from thousands of local businesses and individual residents along with the innumerable hours donated by the organizers; and

WHEREAS, the Eureka Street Art Festival has brought art-lovers from all over the community, the state, the nation and the world to enjoy the incredible quality of street art painted as part of the event, who have contributed to vitality and the local Humboldt County economy as visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Eureka Street Art Festival has been a key success of the Eureka Strategic Arts Plan, and has demonstrated the importance of public art and partnerships as a part of the local economy, culture, and community; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Eureka Street Art Festival will be held from July 29<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup> throughout the City of Eureka, and will feature more 18 artists painting murals and placing sculptures in Eureka, with daily mural walks at 5:30 pm; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors encourage all residents to participate in the Eureka Street Art Festival in its final year (for now!), and heartily thank the organizers and participants, with special gratitude to Jenna Catsos, Michelle Cartledge, and Swan Asbury.

July 23, 2024 Rex Bohn, Chair