

# PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

**Whereas,** Humboldt County ranks #1 out of 58 Counties (in 2018) for traffic collisions involving a pedestrians, has fatal collision rates double the national average, and nearly triple those of California; and

**Whereas,** effective transportation safety policies include a multi-faceted approach including infrastructure development and improvements, enforcement of the laws and education; and

**Whereas,** Safe streets also rely on the personal responsibility and behavior of those who use them; and

**Whereas,** drivers have an inherent responsibility to maintain a culture of respect and courtesy, avoid causing harm. and protect the community's most vulnerable residents; and

**Whereas,** Humboldt County residents pride themselves on being value driven, innovative and proactive problem solvers, and responsive and responsible protectors of community residents and visitors; and

**Whereas,** National statistics and local experience indicate that low-income people, people of color, older people, and people with disabilities are more likely to be killed while walking or biking, and these tragic inequities should be explored.

**Therefore,** be it resolved that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors recognizes that safely navigating our streets and sidewalks is a cooperative activity, adopts the Vision Zero goal to work towards eliminating all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, health, equitable mobility for all.

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Virginia Bass, Chair

