

PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, the United Nations Assembly adopted The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in December 1948 and this marked the first attempt in human history to set down the minimum rights every person should enjoy; and

WHEREAS, over time, public awareness has grown of a lack of civility among groups of people and individuals in their ability to discuss without anger or fear, topics of the day; and

WHEREAS, while our citizens strive to uphold and defend the right of free speech; speech whether free or inhibited, has become strained by intolerance and a multitude of pressures; and

WHEREAS, anger and hatred go unchallenged in our daily lives and in our schools, which leads to bullying and fear-provoking actions, and

WHEREAS, hate speech, intolerant language, bias and discrimination, has led to actions which are physically violent, emotionally intimidating, and in some cases lead to physical harm; and

WHEREAS, such a transformation within our society further erodes the peace and tranquility of our citizens, leading to a more violent community and ending in harm to our citizens both young and old; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County represent a small, mostly rural population center within the framework of our country, and we must all act in ways big and small, to change intolerance within our control; and

WHEREAS, in December 2020, individuals, groups of people, agencies, departments, elected officials and public servants acknowledge peace, harmony, and human rights for all. In so doing, they vow to engage hate at all levels possible during the coming year. Human Rights and freedom from fear must exist for all people or they exist for no one.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims **December, 2020 Human Rights Awareness Month** and encourages all our citizens to become involved with the Humboldt Kindness campaign; a campaign in which we advocate for special civic engagement to occur, personal reflection to take place, efforts to educate the public, and a community effort to use kindness instead of hate, as a primary goal of our society.

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ESTELLE FENNELL, Chair

