

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

**Craniofacial/Craniosynostosis Acceptance
Month**

WHEREAS, the Children's Craniofacial Association (CCA) began celebrating Craniofacial Acceptance Month in 2005 to bring awareness to the thousands of children in the United States each year who are either born with or develop a craniofacial difference, which is a physical anomaly of the skull and/or face; and

WHEREAS, there are various types of craniofacial anomalies with different causes and medical implications, while the most well-known syndrome is cleft lip, children are born with other facial differences including Apert syndrome, Treacher Collins syndrome, facial palsy, and craniosynostosis which is seen in about 1 in every 2,500 babies in the United States (CDC); and

WHEREAS, individuals with craniofacial differences and their families often struggle to understand what they are facing and how to move forward in their early stages of life and may experience emotional and financial strain due to the demands of ongoing and expensive medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, due to the complexity of craniofacial anomalies, affected individuals will often endure multiple surgeries before they reach adulthood; and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of education and information shared with the general public about individuals with facial differences; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as Children's Craniofacial Association, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, serve individuals affected by craniofacial differences and the professionals who care for them in order to empower and give hope to them and their families, while working towards the vision of a world where all people are accepted for who they are, not how they look; and

WHEREAS, Children's Craniofacial Association has designated September 2022 as the 18th year of "Craniofacial Acceptance Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims September 2022 as Craniofacial/ Acceptance Month in Humboldt County, California.

Dated: September 20, 2022

Virginia Bass, Chair