

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION OF CALIFORNIA WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 5151 WITHIN THE COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

WHEREAS, the California Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 5, Part 1, Chapter 1, section 5000 et seq.) provides procedures for the involuntary evaluation and treatment of persons who, as a result of a mental disorder, constitute a danger to themselves or others, or are gravely disabled; and

WHEREAS, the California Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 5, Part 1, Chapter 2, Article 1, section 5151) authorizes counties to apply a procedure whereby the seventy-two hour clock starts at the time of admittance to the designated psychiatric inpatient facility; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that all available time is afforded the client for an appropriate assessment, comprehensive evaluation and stabilizing treatment, and in order to ensure the safety of the client and the community it remains the designation of the County and the findings of the Welfare and Institutions Code section 5151 that the seventy-two hour hold time begins upon admission to an appropriate psychiatric inpatient facility designated by the County, and not before; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt desires to reduce the number of successive Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150 holds and assure the availability of seventy-two hours for treatment at the designated psychiatric inpatient facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt authorizes the interpretation of Welfare and Institutions Code, Division 5, Part 1, Chapter 2, Article 1, section 5151 to start the seventy-two hour clock upon admittance to the designated psychiatric inpatient facility within the County of Humboldt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt finds that any additional costs incurred by the County in the implementation of this Article will be funded by funds redirected from cost savings resulting from the implementation so that no current service reductions will occur.

Dated: December 17, 2019

Rex Bohn, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors