

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

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

WHEREAS, women play a vital role in worldwide social, economic, cultural, and political development; and

WHEREAS, International Women's Day, celebrated each year during Women's History Month, is recognized globally and marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity; and

WHEREAS, International Women's Day has been observed since 1911 and serves as a reminder of the important progress women have made towards equality in areas such as academia, athletics, business, and arts; as well as government and politics; and

WHEREAS, women remain underrepresented in fields such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); and

WHEREAS, expanding and developing opportunities for women to enter fields such as STEM is critical; and

WHEREAS, International Women's Day is an opportunity to acknowledge and amplify the progress made to advance women's equality, and to expand opportunities for women in today's society; and

WHEREAS, Soroptimist International of Arcata, Eel River Valley, Eureka, Humboldt Bay, and The Redwoods work to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment, and to advance women's full and effective participation and decision-making in public life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, hereby calls upon the citizens of Humboldt County to recognize March 8, 2021, as **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**, and to support Soroptimist International clubs of Humboldt County as they provide opportunities and access to education, the single most effective anti-poverty intervention.

DATED: March 2, 2021

Virginia Bass, Chair

