



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

D-1

For the meeting of: October 27, 2015

Date: September 16, 2015
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn
Subject: Proclaim November 19, 2015 as the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout Day in Humboldt County.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair to sign the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A.

DISCUSSION: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support and recognize the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout on November 19, 2015, and encourages all citizens to take steps to quit tobacco or support someone they know who desires to quit tobacco use.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Tobacco Free Humboldt.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

REVIEW: Auditor County Counsel Personnel Risk Manager Other

TYPE OF ITEM:
Consent
Departmental
Public Hearing
XX Other Special Presentation (5 min)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Bohn
Seconded by Supervisor Lovelace
And unanimously carried by those members present.
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.

Meeting of:

Dated: October 27, 2015
Ana Hartwell, Deputy Clerk of the Board

By: [Handwritten Signature]

PROCLAMATION
of the
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT



WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society encourages all tobacco users to join the Great American Smokeout and quit for at least one day; and

WHEREAS, tobacco-use remains the leading preventable cause of death in the United States; and

WHEREAS, electronic cigarettes are a relatively new way to introduce nicotine into the human body by means of an aerosol that contains un-regulated levels of nicotine and other chemicals; and

WHEREAS, electronic cigarette cartridges come in fruit and candy flavors – such as chocolate, gummy bear and bubble gum- that appeal to youth and have tricked a new generation into nicotine addiction; and

WHEREAS, numerous scientific studies cited by the World Health Organization have found toxic and cancer-causing chemicals in e-cigarettes to which both the user and bystanders are exposed; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control has documented a major increase in e-cigarette use among children, including children who have never smoked a regular cigarette; and

WHEREAS, many nations, states and more than 131 local jurisdictions in California including Eureka, Arcata, San Francisco and Los Angeles now prohibit e-cigarettes wherever smoking is prohibited; and

WHEREAS, there are many proven resources, many of them free, to help nicotine users quit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the American Cancer Society's **GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT, on November 19th, 2015** and encourages all citizens who smoke, or use chew/dip tobacco, to demonstrate to themselves and their children that they can quit using tobacco by joining the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout.

Dated: October 27, 2015


Estelle Fennell, Chair