

PROCLAMATION

OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT



Whereas, Humboldt County was named for **Alexander von Humboldt**, enlightenment-era scientific revolutionary and polymath whose explorations and writings directly inspired Darwin, Bolivar, Jefferson, Thoreau, and Muir; and

Whereas, Von Humboldt's legacy has resonated for generations around the globe, his discoveries and scientific rigor becoming building blocks for the natural sciences, climatology, ecology, habitat preservation, and humanitarian justice; and

Whereas, his unifying vision of nature, included deep concern for native peoples, those held in bondage by imperial powers, and the negative effects of human activity on cultures and the natural world; and

Whereas, Von Humboldt's values are of great importance to Humboldt County as we strive to build sustainable communities locally and a vital Earth world-wide; and

Whereas, in many ways Humboldt County citizens manifest Von Humboldt's basic concept that "all living systems are interconnected and mutually dependent," and in doing so highlight the human-nature bond that thrives throughout the lands and communities of Humboldt County, making our County a magnet for new businesses, tourists, and scholars; and

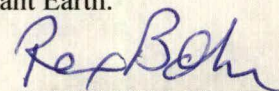
Whereas, Von Humboldt's 250th birthday is September 14, 2019; and

Whereas, concurrent with world-wide celebrations, Von Humboldt's 250th birthday will be marked locally by "Planet Humboldt - A Summit of Inspiration," a community collaboration at Eureka's Sequoia Center, sponsored by Arcata's Abundant Earth Foundation, with support from Rotary District 5130 Special Projects; and

Whereas, an essential quality of Humboldt County culture, the human-nature bond infuses traditional and emerging businesses, agriculture, service efforts, government planning, education, and the arts, and will be a central element of Planet Humboldt.

Now, THEREFORE, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors declares September 14, 2019 "**Alexander Von Humboldt Day**," in special recognition of his 250th birthday this year, and to mark his birthday in years to come, and encourages the citizens of Humboldt County to observe every September 14th as an opportunity to celebrate and further Humboldt County's leadership in manifesting the vision and inspiration of our namesake for more vibrant communities, deeper service to humanity, and an ever-more verdant Earth.

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REX BOHN, Chair