AGENDA ITEM NO.
D-1

# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: November 15, 2016

Date: October 18, 2016

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Virginia Bass

Subject: Proclaim November, 2016 as National Family Caregiver Month.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Family Caregivers in Humboldt County make a huge difference in the lives of many people living in our Community. The Board is proclaiming November, 2016 as National Family Caregiver Month in Humboldt County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes Signature Virginia Bass

REVIEW:
Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

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

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**
Upon motion of Supervisor Bass Seconded by Supervisor Fennell

Ayes Fennell, Bass, Lovelace, Bohn, Sundberg
Nays
Abstain
Absent

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: November 15, 2016
By: Bole Ebert
**Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board**

# PROCLAMATION

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

**WHEREAS,** family members, friends, and professional homecare workers devote themselves to providing in-home care to their relatives, loved ones, and clients. During National Family Caregivers Month, we recognize and thank the humble heroes who do so much to keep our families and communities strong; and

**WHEREAS,** in-home caregivers are a vital pillar of our nation's long-term care system, enabling millions of seniors and people with disabilities to continue living with dignity and self-determination in their own homes. The work of these caregivers requires immense compassion, attentiveness, understanding, and a deep commitment to the wellbeing of others; and

**WHEREAS,** California's In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program serves nearly 500,000 clients. IHSS workers preserve quality-of-life for these individuals, save taxpayer dollars and prevent more costly hospitalization or institutionalization; and

**WHEREAS,** in-home caregivers have an immeasurable impact on the lives of those they care for, but their hours are long and their work is hard. Many caregivers are unpaid and most homecare professionals receive modest compensation. They often put their own lives on hold, sometimes sacrificing more lucrative careers and other life opportunities because they are dedicated to lifting up those in need; and

**WHEREAS,** National Family Caregivers Month is a time to reflect on the compassion and dedication that in-home caregivers embody every day. As we offer our appreciation and admiration for their difficult work, let us also extend our own offers of support to them, their loved ones, and their clients.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the importance and benefit of in-home caregivers and proclaims

**NOVEMBER, 2016**
**as**
**NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVERS MONTH**

**DATED: November 15, 2016**

**Mark Lovelace, Chair**