



## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

E-1

For the meeting of: April 11, 2017

Date: March 14, 2017  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisor Rex Bohn  
Subject: Recognition of the Child Abuse Service Team for 21 Years of Dedicated Service.

RECOMMENDATION(S): Adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors would like to comment the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) for providing coordinated collaboration to effectively respond to child abuse cases. CAST is team comprised of specialty trained individuals representing Child Welfare Services, District Attorney, District Attorney Victim Witness, Law Enforcement, Mental Health, North Coast Rape Crisis Team, Probation and Tribal Agencies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation.

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ TD \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Rex Bohn

**REVIEW:**

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF ITEM:**

☐ Consent  
☐ Departmental  
☐ Public Hearing  
☒ Other ☐ Special Presentation

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Bohn  
Seconded by Supervisor Fennell  
And unanimously carried by those members present,  
The Board hereby adopts the recommended action  
contained in this report.

Dated: April 11, 2017  
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

By: B. Bohn E. Fennell

# PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

**WHEREAS**, the impact of sexual assault and child maltreatment can cause severe and long-lasting physical, emotional, and psychological consequences, the experience can be devastating not only for the child, but also for the family and friends of the child; and

**WHEREAS**, sexual assault and child maltreatment cross all ethnic, cultural, religious, socioeconomic backgrounds, the tragedy of child abuse can cause disabilities and poor health, depression, poor academic performance, alcohol and other drug problems, and abusive adult relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST), a multi-disciplinary team comprised of specially trained individuals representing Child Welfare Services, the District Attorney's Office, District Attorney Victim Witness, Humboldt Domestic Violence Services, Law Enforcement, Mental Health, North Coast Rape Crisis Team (CALM), and Tribal Agencies was created to reach one of the most vulnerable populations in our community – children who are victims of sexual and physical abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, CAST is a Nationally Accredited Child Advocacy Center through the National Children's Alliance. The office provides a child friendly setting for forensic interviews to occur; and

**WHEREAS**, since October 1996 the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) has conducted **2,910** comprehensive forensic interviews, and this coordinated response has proven successful in the criminal investigation and the prosecution of child abuse cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the effective intervention of the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) multi-disciplinary approach to child abuse investigation has reduced the number of interviews a child abuse victim must undergo; and

**WHEREAS**, CAST Interviews may also be used to interview witnesses of violent crimes (assault and domestic violence) and are sometimes used in cases where there are allegations of neglect (drug endangered children); and

**WHEREAS**, all citizens of Humboldt County benefit from coordinated services provided from the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby express appreciation to the members of the Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) for their **21** years of service to sexual and physical abuse victims of Humboldt County.

Dated: April 11, 2017

*Virginia Bass*  
Virginia Bass, Chair